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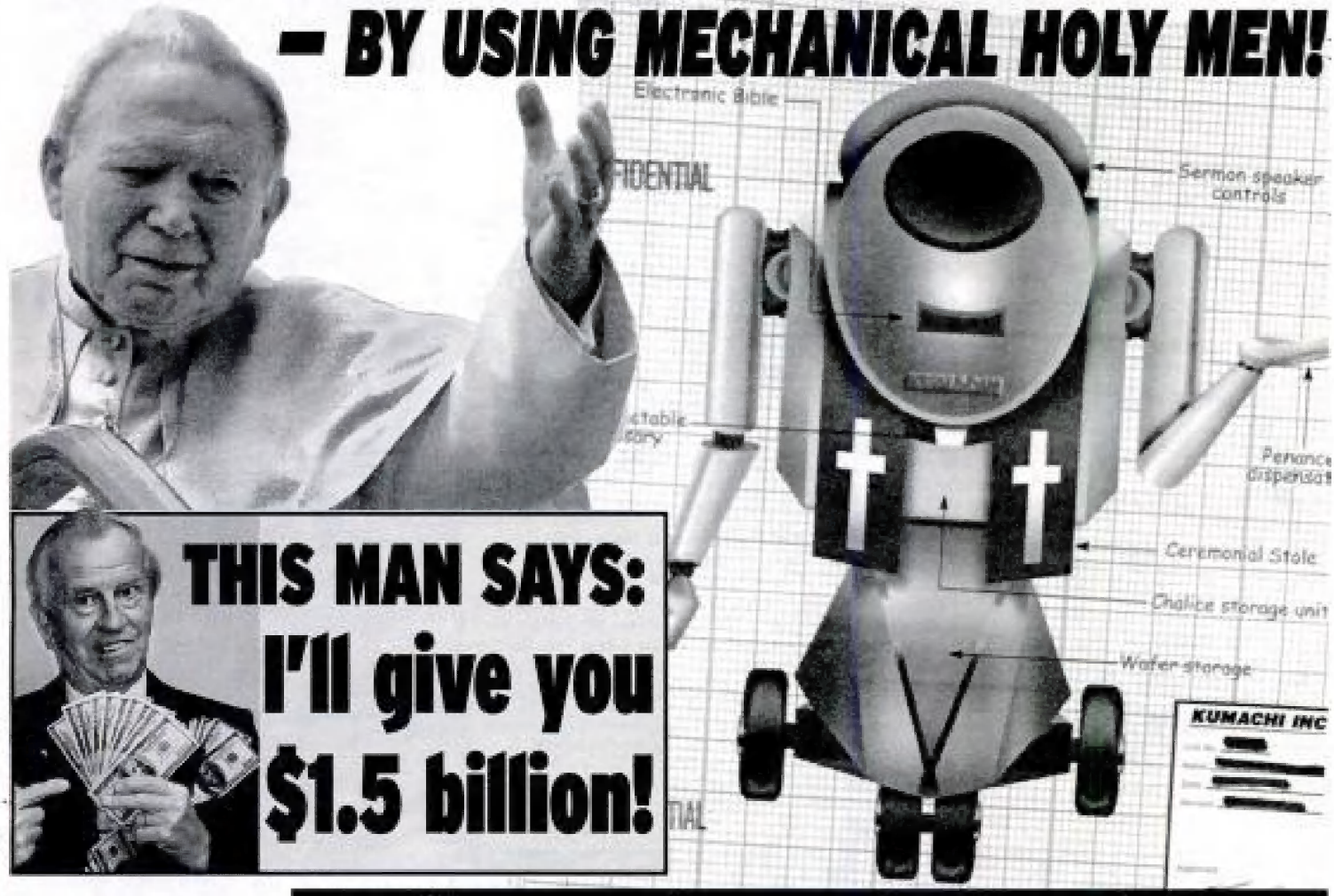

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FRENCH SUE TO REPO STATUE OF LIBERTY

— because we forgot to pay for THIS SHIP

BECAUSE of a bill that has gone unpaid for more than 200 years, the government of France plans to repossess the Statue of Liberty!

Gerrard Metain, chief prefect in the ministry said from his Paris office, "We could wait no longer. The French government has been petitioning various American administrations for years to make good the money owed the French people. Clearly this has not happened. Regrettably, we are forced to take other actions."

France presented the U.S. with the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of their hard-fought independence from Great Britain but Metain said, "When President Cleveland accepted this statue from us in 1886 he would have been appalled by the utter disregard by his government of its economic obligations."

Metain maintains the debt arises from the sale of a three-masted French galleon in 1778 to America during the Revolutionary War.

Metain said, "The ship successfully blockaded the British during the siege of Yorktown. You won, the British went home. Now please pay us."

When pressed for details of the amount owed Metain said, "With interest, rounded up, it comes to approximately $50 billion. And we're not talking francs. I am aware this is a large amount. But what is the Statue of Liberty worth to you?" he asked.

When informed the French had succeeded in their petition to the International Court of the Hague, American officials were quick to respond.

An official in the office of the Secretary of the Interior which has authority over the Statue said, "Those Frogs sure have a long memory."

Statue of Liberty park employees were stunned to learn the news that such a revered American symbol had been repossessed and would no longer be available for tourist visits. "There are going to be a lot of disappointed people this summer," said one hot dog vendor who operates a concession stand at the base of the statue.

"My brother is a mechanical engineer, and he calculated that there are more than 350 pieces to this thing, with a total weight of 225 tons. Disassembling and transporting it will be a huge job. Is the French navy up to it? I'd worry about an accident at sea.

"So I think America should pay up, if we really do owe the money because that French galleon sure helped us beat the British. And we'd miss Lady Liberty if she goes back to France."

— *By KIP LEWIS*

U.S. PRESIDENT Grover Cleveland accepted the statue from France in 1886.

AMERICA still owes France for Revolutionary War galleon used to blockade the British navy.

BON VOYAGE: Famed statue will be taken apart and

Drug counselor busted with 44 pounds of dope!

MAYBE Michael Curran was just doing research for his work as a school drug-abuse counselor. He was busted for holding 44 pounds of marijuana!

Cops in New Bedford, Mass., said they

the post office. They'd been mailed from San Diego.

Curran, who was hired to help stop drug abuse in New Bedford schools, pleaded not guilty to possessing marijuana with intent to

BIZARRE PRAYING MANTIS TRIBE

By JUSTIN MITCHELL

THE ALLURE of sex leads men to mate with women of the Djapas tribe, who live in a remote area of the upper Amazon. The woman at left had just killed her husband and made a stew of his remains.

...where women devour their men after they mate!

THE ANTHROPOLOGY world has been rocked with the discovery of a previously unknown Amazon tribe that engages in a bizarre mating ritual — the women devour their men after sexual activity!

The Djapas tribe has been dubbed the "Praying Mantis tribe" by Western scientists who first stumbled on the Indians and their "sexual dance of death" in a remote jungle area known as the Vale do Javari, wedged between two Amazon river tributaries, the Jutai and Jandiatuba rivers in Brazil.

"The area is home to about six tribes that have had little exposure to modern society," says Dr. Tyler Loomis of the Sao Paulo Center for Indigenous Studies. "As such, we were conducting exploratory missions attempting to make contact with them when one member of our expedition, Dr. Michael Madigan, was mysteriously kidnapped from his tent on the tenth night of our expedition."

Native trackers assisted the team in looking for Dr. Madigan and after a three-day search, stumbled on the Djapas settlement and a sickening discovery — the sight of the remains of their roasted colleague being eaten by his new "wife."

"She was chewing on what remained of a forearm, I believe," says Dr. Loomis. "His severed head was on the ground next to her. She blood running down her chin. We were speechless."

The anthropologists and their guides were immediately surrounded by a menacing all-female group of Djapas Indians brandishing spears, but who were eventually placated with gifts of aluminum cookware, colorful aprons and beads.

Through a combination of sign language and mutually intelligible pidgin Portuguese, the two groups began to communicate and the tribe's sick, strange mating habits were unveiled.

"We'd heard legends of a fierce female tribe of literal 'Amazons' who killed their men after mating with them, as Black Widow spiders and Praying Mantis insects do," says Dr. Loomis. "We'd never placed any credence in it, spread by early Portuguese and Spanish explorers. It turns out to be real. Very real as we witnessed ourselves and as the late Dr. Madigan found out the hard way."

DR. TYLER LOOMIS

Dr. Loomis' group of six males spent a total of 17 days at the Djapas settlement and avoided joining their dead colleague only with repeated gifts and by ingratiating themselves as slaves for the Djapas women — hunting for them, gathering firewood and drinking water and by massaging their large, calloused, human blood caked feet on demand, often for six straight hours.

"During that time, until we witnessed four complete 'marriage' ceremonies where the 'groom' was also the wedding feast," says Dr. Loomis. "The women get their 'husbands' by abducting them from rival tribes, as well as using the adolescent male children born to their fellow tribeswomen — the Djapas women are feared by even the most savage males of neighboring tribes, including the headhunting Jivaro."

However, sex is a powerful attraction, even with the risk of death, and Dr. Loomis says the Djapas women, despite physical appearances that would repel most outsiders, are versed in exotic sexual arts that dissolve the inhibitions of even the most fearful and reluctant sperm donor. But after the ecstasy comes the agony of a quickly snapped neck and being served up as the main course for the communal tribal wedding dinner.

"Any woman who is late for the feast gets the cold shoulder," says Dr. Loomis. "But on the positive side, I guess you could say none of the Djapas women have ever met a man

Guy blows fuse over light bill, kills roommate

say cops

PENNYWISE Andre Scott whipped out a gun and blew his roommate away because the guy ran up their electric bill, say cops.

Scott, 38, allegedly pumped five slugs into expal Verlon Braun, 34, after the power-guzzling lamps Braun was using to grow marijuana in their basement brought them a bill for $1,000.

"They started arguing how to divide up the bill, and things escalated," a homicide detective in

By BRETT ANNISTON
Weekly World News

Woman who hadn't a day of work for . . . is fired for coming in late!

FURIOUS Harriet Nethers won't be receiving a pension — after 36 years of working like a dog.

HAPLESS Harriet Nethers was fired for arriving at her office job less than three minutes late, even though it was the first time she'd ever been tardy — and she hadn't missed a day of work in 36 years!

Sadly, the senior shipping clerk at Landerson Electronics in Sydney, Australia, was just six months from retirement, but thanks to the hard-hearted actions of her boss, unlucky Nethers won't get a dime of the pension she'd been slaving to earn for more than three decades.

"It doesn't seem quite fair," says mild-mannered 55-year-old Nethers. "I gave the best years of my life to the firm and now they give me the old heave ho.

"I'd really been counting on that pension — I suppose my golden years won't be quite as comfortable as I might have hoped."

Co-workers at Landerson, where well-liked Nethers was revered as an institution and 42 times named Employee of the Month, also feel that she got the shaft.

"It's outrageous," said one colleague, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "Harriet was the hardest working, most loyal employee in the place. Except for this one time, she was always at her desk at least 15 minutes early."

But employer Gary Landerson III, whose grandfather hired Nethers when she was a bright-eyed kid of 19 back in 1966, insists that he was simply following a rule laid out in the employee manual.

"I've made my feelings about punctuality very clear," said Landerson, 28, who often brandishes a coach's stopwatch in the office and on the factory floor. "And our 2001

Simple test tells if you're

AN EXCITING new test developed at a top university will help you determine if you are an idiot and don't know it.

By MARILYN CAINE
Weekly World News

Don't laugh — according to psychologists who created the quiz, as many as three out of 10 people are mentally deficient in ways that other folks find obvious, but the idiots themselves are completely unaware of.

To gauge YOUR "Idiot Quotient," answer each of the 10 questions below to the best of your ability.

Compare your answers to the correct answers provided at the end of the quiz. Then check to see how you rate on U.M.'s soon-to-be legendary "Scale of Idiocy."

After finding out where you stand, be sure to quiz your friends and family.

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
3. Some months have 31 days, how many of them have 28 days?
4. A woman gives a beggar 50 cents; the woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
5. How many outs are there in an inning?
6. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister? Why?
7. Two men play five games of checkers. Each man wins the same number of games. There are no ties. Explain this.
8. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?
9. I have two U.S. coins totaling 55 cents. One is not a nickel. What are the coins?
10. A clerk in the butcher shop is 5 foot 10 inches tall. What does he weigh?

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missed 36 years

manual says in plain English that every worker must arrive by 8:45 a.m.

"To give Mrs. Nethers special treatment would be unfair to the 250 other employees in the firm."

No one denies that Nethers was a model worker. Since joining the company as an errand girl, she has served with almost fanatical devotion. She never once called in sick, never left early for a doctor's appointment — even showing up daily during a two-month strike in 1972.

The only reason she was late on the morning of May 24 was that she paused to help a blind, 84-year-old lady neighbor take out her garbage.

"I just didn't think about how much that would slow me down," she says. "When I realized I was running late, I ran straight from the bus stop to the office.

"When I came through the door, huffing and puffing, there was Mr. Landerson, holding up his stopwatch. He clocked me as being 2 minutes and 48 seconds late and he told me I was fired.

"The next thing I knew, security was escorting me out of the building."

Steamed co-workers aren't shy about expressing their feelings toward their boss.

"Someone ought to take that stopwatch and ram it where the sun doesn't shine," fumed one furious administrative assistant.

an idiot!

For answers, turn upside down (did you figure that out?)

1. Yes; 2. One; 3. All of them; 4. Because the beggar is the woman's sister; 5. Sad; 6. No because he's dead; 7. They are not playing each other; 8. Two; 9. A fifty cent piece and a nickel; 10. Moss.

Scale of idiocy: 10 correct: You're a genius; 9-8 correct: Above average; 7-6 correct: Average; 5-4 correct: Below average; 3-2 correct: Many people consider you to be an idiot; 1-0 correct: Certified idiot.

SEXY SOULMATES!

TOUGH LUCK for all you lovelorn guys and gals out there. These two just got spoken for — by each other! Newlywed nuzzlers Lisa and Stan met at their church's weekly Bingo game, and after that it was romance by the numbers. The starry-eyed pair honeymooned in Las Vegas, but they didn't spend much time in the casinos.

"I already hit the jackpot with Stan," gushes Lisa, who

This One

JIMMY H

FBI confirms body is missing labor leader — but has no clue on whereabouts of The King

AN FBI lab has positively identified the corpse secretly exhumed from Elvis Presley's grave — and it turns out to be the remains of long-missing labor leader Jimmy Hoffa, a source claims.

Now dumbfounded law-enforcement officials are trying to figure out how Hoffa's body wound up in the much-visited Graceland shrine.

"When the results from the DNA tests came back, everyone was completely blown away," says a source close to the hush-hush investigation.

By MIKE FOSTER / *Weekly World News*

"All we were hoping to do was determine who was really in that coffin and finally answer the question 'Is Elvis alive?' Well, we've laid that question to rest once and for all — but now we've got an even bigger mystery on our hands.

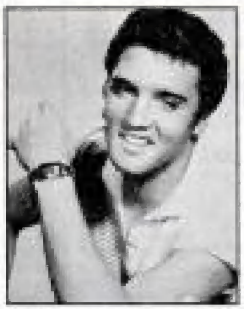
"If the Kennedy assassination conspiracy was a riddle inside a mystery inside a conundrum, I can't begin to imagine what you'd call this."

It was only weeks ago that Memphis police learned that unknown persons had dug up The King's grave at Graceland — in an apparent bid to learn who, if anyone, was really in his coffin, as *Weekly World News* told readers in an exclusive report.

Police Department insiders fingered the FBI as the most likely suspect, speculating that the Bureau planned to use high-tech DNA tests to discover whether the body in the coffin really was that of the hip-swiveling rock legend.

But it looks like the grave-robbing investigators found more than they bargained for.

"When we examined the body visually, it did look somewhat like Elvis in his later years, very heavyset, and the tests came back and the tissue was a perfect match for Hoffa."



ELVIS in his prime. He faked his death in 1977.

Lawmen have hunted for Jimmy Hoffa since 1975 when the corrupt Teamsters bigwig mysteriously vanished off the face of the Earth. Because of his close ties to the Mafia, officials have long suspected he was "whacked" by the mob, but could never prove it.

The grisly Graceland discovery seems to support that theory — and, as bizarre as the finding might at first appear, some Elvis researchers say it all makes perfect sense.

"It's well known that in the '60s and '70s, to be big in Las Vegas, as Elvis was, you had to play ball with the Mafia," says London musicologist and Elvis researcher Dennis Halewood, author of the upcoming book *Elvis and the Mob*.

"Obviously, to fake his death and disappear from the limelight, someone that famous would need the aid of a vast, powerful organization.

"And only one outfit could do it: The Cosa Nostra.

"They helped him disappear — and, when the mob does you a favor, you owe them a favor.

"Evidently, Presley's repayment was to let the Mafia use his empty grave — the last place anyone would

THE MYSTERY diggers who dug up Elvis Presley's Graceland grave were undercover FBI

OFFA FOUND — IN ELVIS' GRAVE

TEAMSTER BOSS Hoffa disappeared in 1975.

ELVIS PRESLEY'S marker lies between parents Gladys and Vernon Presley's graves

Indian rainmaker makes startling claim:

'I CONTROL THE WEATHER'

. . . and the CIA admits: 'It's true!'

By GEORGE SANFORD
Weekly World News

A MAVERICK Cherokee medicine man boasts that his rain dances are controlling the world's weather — and incredibly, CIA analysts agree!

The 69-year-old Native American mystic, named Falling Eagle, says that for the past year and a half, he's been using a potent, long-lost rain-dance technique to regulate rainfall, temperatures, wind direction and humidity, both in the United States and abroad.

"It might sound like the guy has puffed the peace pipe once too often, but our experts have subjected his claims to rigorous scientific tests — and he's the real McCoy," confirms a high-level CIA source.

"He'll say, 'Next Thursday, the Cleveland area will get four inches of rain,' and sure enough, it will. Tell him, 'Make it stop at two inches' and he can — 100 percent of the time.

"We have no idea how he's doing it, but he's doing it."

Falling Eagle, who lives with his daughter on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Tahlequah, Okla., says he rediscovered the ancient weather-altering dance a decade ago. Initially, he used the unique gift to usher in bigger corn harvests on his son-in-law's small farm. But, after recognizing what he calls his "responsibility" to others around the world, he's begun to spread the bounty.

"Yes, I control the world's weather," he says. "I try to make sure those poor farmers in places like Africa get enough water for their crops."

The medicine man is perfectly willing to admit he's not perfect. "That big monsoon they had over in Bangladesh a while back, that was me screwing up," he says. "I got heavy-handed with my rattle."

Falling Eagle refuses to divulge the weather-control technique, fearing others might abuse it. But CIA experts, who've been conducting ESP research since the Cold War, think a powerful paranormal force is at work.

"Cherokee dances are a form of prayer that are said to open up a link to the 'Great Spirit' that controls the universe," explains the CIA source.

The agency first learned of Falling Eagle through a tribal newsletter. While skeptical at first, they put the medicine man to the test — and now they hope they can make use of him to advance American interests.

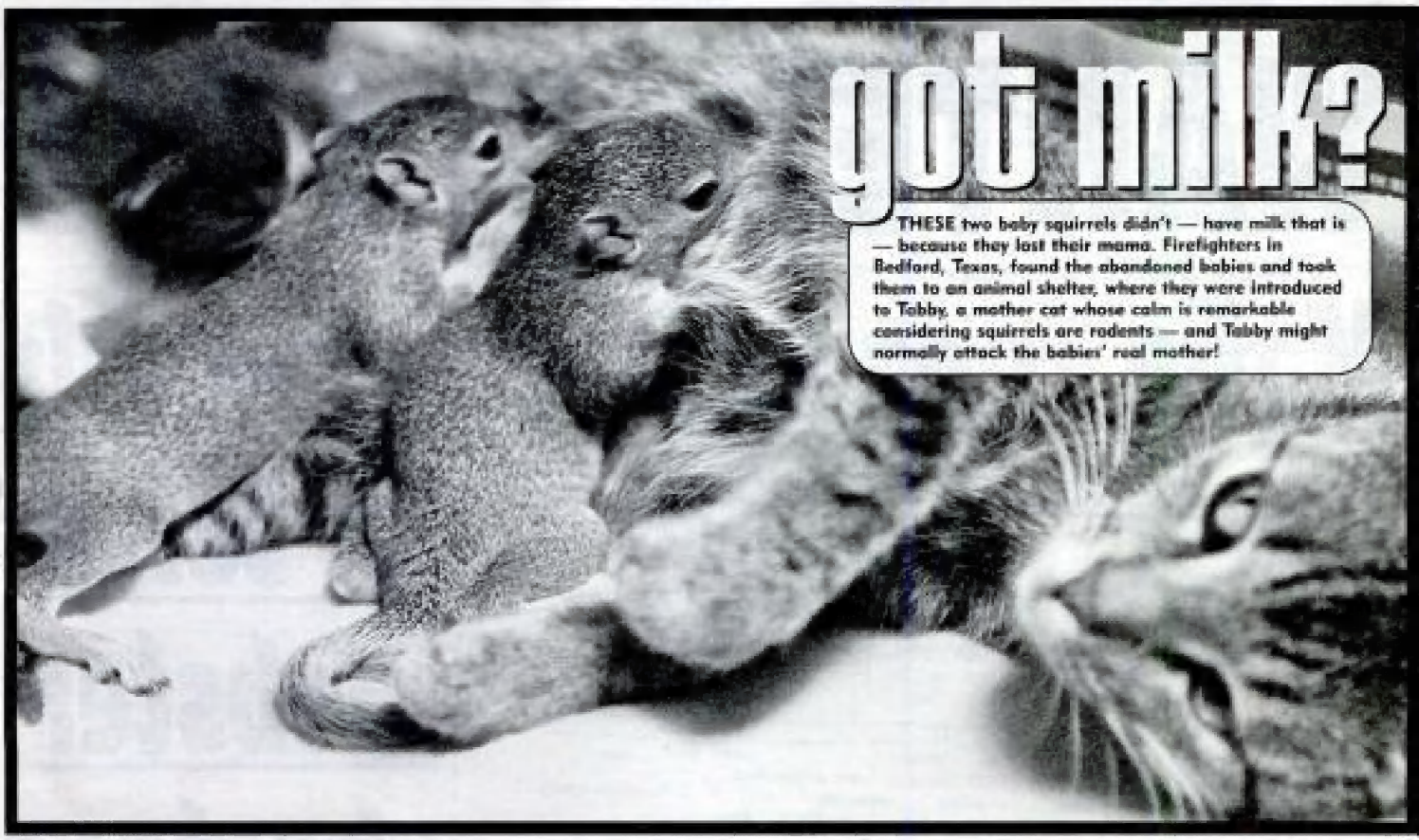
"Who controls the weather controls the world," notes the CIA source.

"Just imagine if we had the power to give an oil-rich nation like Saudi Arabia enough rain to turn its deserts into fertile land — or, if we chose, to dry up every oasis in the country. Who'd have who over a barrel then?"

But the sometimes-ornery Falling Eagle is in no rush to help Uncle Sam. Several demands must be met before the medicine man will agree to lend his extraordinary talent to the government. For starters, he insists, the state of North Carolina — from which his ancestors were driven off in the heartbreaking Trail of Tears in 1838 — must be returned to Cherokee hands.

"The White Man owes many debts to our people," Falling

RAINMAKER who claims to control the weather refuses to be photographed, but dresses in garb similar to that worn by this Indian.


got milk?
THESE two baby squirrels didn't — have milk that is — because they lost their mama. Firefighters in Bedford, Texas, found the abandoned babies and took them to an animal shelter, where they were introduced to Tabby, a mother cat whose calm is remarkable considering squirrels are rodents — and Tabby might normally attack the babies' real mother!

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How do YOU spell "Fuggedaboudit"?

As a special treat for our readers, Weekly World News created its own "Mafia job application." Send THIS in at your own risk, folks!

By MAX KENT
Weekly World News

IF YOU'VE ever wanted to join the Mafia, now's the time — because New York's mobs are running out of wiseguys!

That's the word from authorities who say that deaths, defections and arrests have slashed the ranks of Big Apple crime families from 634 to 570 in the past 12 months alone.

The situation is so grim that Italian mobsters who still run many of the city's drugs, gambling, extortion and prostitution rackets have "flung open their books to a new and ethnically diverse membership" for the first time in history, the FBI says.

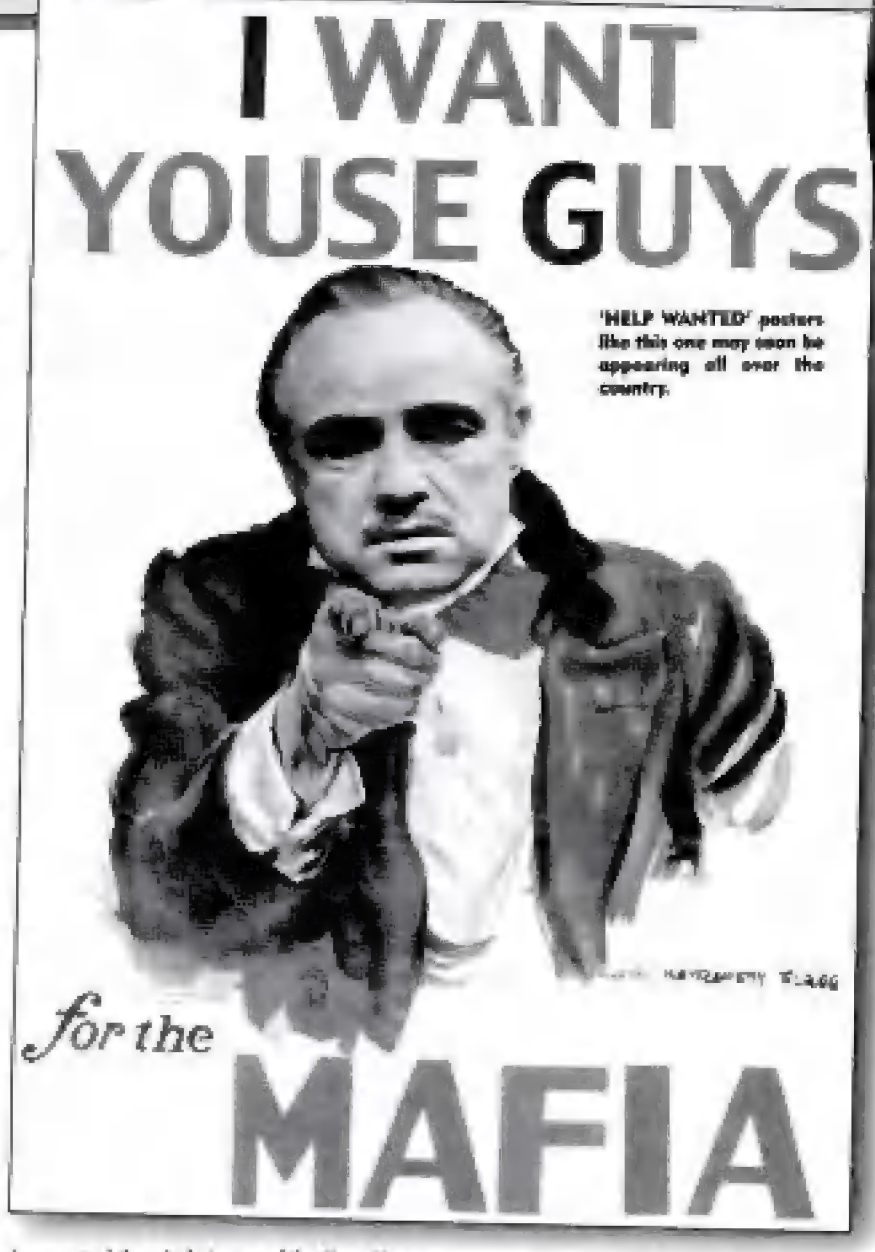
And that, notes an agency mob expert, "means you don't even have to be an Italian to join.

"It's a stunning development in the history of crime, corruption and graft," he continues.

"In their glory days, these guys were obsessively secretive and closed to all outsiders. But times are changing.

"The godfathers of the five main crime

BAD MEN!'



'HELP WANTED' posters like this one may soon be appearing all over the country.

downs. And the whole image of the Cosa Nostra is in sore need of a remake.

"They're actually recruiting new members from outside the Italian-American community. It's absolutely without precedent."

Amazingly, Mafia sources make no bones about their desperate search for new members.

"You have to inject new blood into the family," one Mafia source told the *New York Post*, noting that "the past few years have been

Vicente "The Chin" Gigante is in jail. Gambino boss John Gotti has cancer — and Joseph "Little Joe" Defede ended his association with the Luchese crime family by ratting out old cohorts out to the feds.

Meanwhile, the only mob thought to be growing, says the FBI source, is the DeCavalcante family, the New Jersey-based mob that inspired cable-TV's *The Sopranos*.

COPS IN TUXES?

New monkey suits have police hopping mad!

By JEFFREY L. GURIAN
Weekly World News

DETROIT — Many long-term career police officers are ready to quit if new regulations requiring police officers to dress in black tie — and possibly even tails — goes through, in what appears to be a new "politically correct" effort to help police relate to the community.

Officials explained that in high-crime areas, many people distrust the police, and the theory holds that if cops dressed more formally, the public might see them in a more positive light.

One officer, who refused to be identified, said, "How are we supposed to chase crooks in a cummerbund, and patent leather shoes? Where do we carry our guns?

"There's no room in a tuxedo to carry a gun. The jackets will be all distorted. We'll be the laughing stock of the country."

The designer commissioned to create new police tuxedos downplayed the police backlash by saying, " When they see themselves in this new, sleek look, they'll love it!

"We went to great pains to make sure that our officers not only look their best, but are also well protected," he added.

"The vest will of course be bulletproof, and it will have little compartments to hold extra bullets. The back of the cummerbund will have a built-in holster, which will accommodate most revolvers, and semiautomatic pistols.

"I can't give away all the secrets," he said, "but the patent leather shoes will be so highly shined they'll temporarily blind any crook forced to stare at them.

Detroit police seem united in their determination to oppose this formal dress code, and have support from police departments across the country who fear they may be next.

One official from the Loves Park, Ill., police department said, "If they start patrolling the streets in tuxedos, they'll

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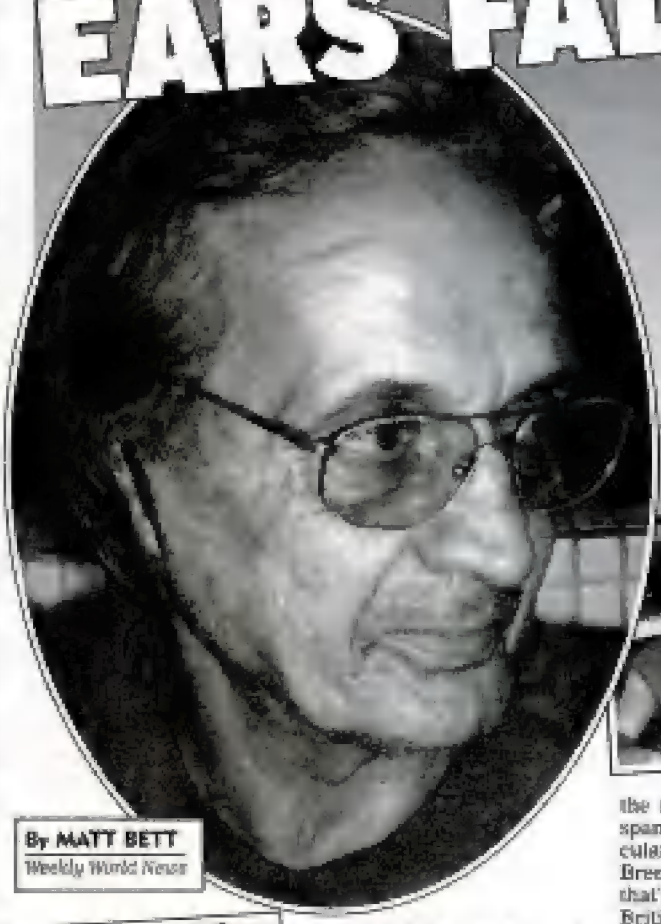

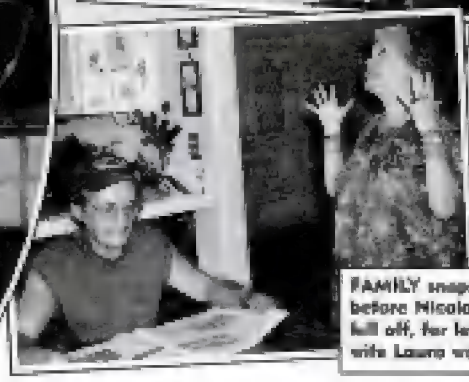

FAMILY snapshots taken before Nicolas Peltola's ears fell off, far left, tell the tale — wife Laura wouldn't shut up.

By MATT BETT
Weekly World News

A RESPECTED medical journal is reporting the story so it must be true: Mild-mannered Nicolas Peltola's wife nagged him so much that his ears shriveled to the size of bottle caps — and fell off!

In the first documented case of "acute ear atrophy," what a doctor describes as Laura Peltola's "non-stop nagging" gradually took its toll on her husband over the last 21 years.

"The ears atrophied from continuing verbal aggravation, causing the patient to flinch, wince, and tightly cup his hands and other hard objects over the sides of his head over a span of decades," cardiovascular specialist Dr. Kent Brentfield writes in a letter that's slated to appear in the British health journal, *The Lancet*, in August.

"Capillaries supporting the ears were constricted by the application of hands and hard objects. They also were damaged by elevated blood pressure and cardiovascular distress caused by unhealthy marital relations."

In layman's terms, Dr. Brentfield said in a telephone interview from the London office, "Mrs. Peltola nagged her husband until his ears atrophied and dropped off, and yes, this is a medical first. "In some respects, he was lucky. The cardiovascular damage was so severe he was having a stroke."

Dr. Brentfield declined to reveal identities of their patients, but Peltola has made no secret of his situation in several sensational news stories that have appeared in the British and European press.

In fact, it was through one such story that Dr. Brentfield heard about the strange case.

"The screaming started first thing in the morning, lasted until I went to work — and then kicked in all over again when I got home at night," Peltola told a newspaper. "Laura complained about money. She didn't like the way I dressed. I tried my best to tune her out."

The first signs of trouble appeared in 1999, says Peltola, when he noticed his ears turning bright blue. Afraid to consult a doctor, he began to dust them with talcum powder to hide their color.

By July of 2000, he notes, his ears had begun "to wither. I was scared, but not scared enough to see a doctor."

Peltola overcame his fears when he awakened in his bed on March 19, and found his right ear, now just the size of a bottle cap, resting eerily on his pillow.

"I went to the hospital but it wasn't bleeding," he said. "My left ear was just hanging, so doctors snipped it off."

Just days ago, Peltola — who can still hear — filed for a divorce.

"My doctors say they can attach plastic ears that look almost like the real thing and I'm thinking about getting them," he says. His wife, who has declined all interview requests, said through her attorney: "If I hadn't nagged he wouldn't have gotten any

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Is your girlfriend CHEATING?

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How to handle it without losing your cool

YOU can catch a cheating girlfriend and put a stop to her shenanigans with take-no-prisoners tips from top relationship experts:

By KATE ROSEBURG
Weekly World News

1 Consider the source of your suspicion. If it's only nasty gossip, dig for more solid evidence before making an accusation. Check her computer for lovey-dovey e-mails, inspect her jewelry box for pricey gifts that you didn't buy, grill her friends and, if necessary, stake out her home to find out if she's entertaining another suitor.

2 Watch for changes in her behavior. Does she seem cool and distant? Or is she overly attentive, as if she might be guilty about something? Either one could be a sign of a cheating heart.

3 Confront your girlfriend. If you really think "Honey buns" is cheating on you, accuse her flat out. If she seems mortified and cries out, "Of course not! How could you even ask such a thing?" ask yourself how believable she sounds. If her act seems phony, it probably is.

4 Tell her how you feel about her cheating — that it's broken your heart, disappointed you and forced you to reevaluate your relationship.

5 Listen to her response. It will tell you what you need to do next. If she tries to shift the blame on you, yaps about how you've been ignoring her needs or minimizes what she's done — for example, claiming that "French-kissing isn't really cheating" — drop her like a hot potato.

6 Inform your straying sweetheart of your decision, whether it's to forgive and forget and give her a second chance — or to pull the plug on the relationship.

7 Make the best of it. If the relationship can't be salvaged, why not go for broke and try to talk her into going on Jerry Springer with you? That way you can dump the unfaithful lady for the whole world to see — and make a few bucks doing it!

NEVER let your temper get the best of you when confronting your sweetheart about her infidelity.

Docs teach dogs to sniff out cancer

EXCITED scientists at Cambridge University are training dogs to sniff out cancer.

They believe the pooches can be taught to smell cancerous cells in patients' urine.

Dr Barbara Sommerville says, "Our research is based on the fact a dog's sense of smell is so acute it can detect any change in odor."

Dog trainer Charlie Clarricoates is preparing three dogs for the project and says, "It's very similar to teach-

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Man loses eye in William Tell stunt

A MAN got shot through the head with an arrow during a wacky club-initiation stunt — and survived!

"I feel so dumb about this," 23-year-old Tony Roberts said after doctors removed the arrow from his skull.

Roberts was being initiated into Mountain Men Anonymous, a rafting club. During the ceremony in Grants Pass, Ore., he put a beer can on his head and one of his pals tried to shoot it with an arrow.

The aimless archer missed the can — and the arrow went through Tony Roberts' eye and all the way through his head!

Doctors said the errant arrow pierced 8 to 10 inches of Roberts' brain, and somehow missed all the major blood vessels.

He lost his eye, but docs said that if the arrow had gone 1 mm to the left he would've died on the spot.

The injured Mountain Man admitted he and his buddies had been boozing it up before the William Tell overture.

Clothes-minded cops bust guy for driving naked

A MAN got busted for driving in the buff — and told the cops he was just too hot in his clothes.

"I asked him why he was naked," said Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Darryl Davis, "and he said he was hot."

Trooper Davis arrested William Austin, 45, on I-95 in Rockledge. Other drivers had complained of seeing Austin in the altogether, driving in a rented Pontiac.

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NEW DRUG MAKES MEAN CATS NICE!

SCIENTISTS have hit on a controversial way to calm down "bully boy" cats — they're going to dose them with a new anti-anxiety drug that, they hope, will make the surly critters nice!

Researchers at Cornell University believe cats that get uptight around other felines and start pushing them around are compensating from "social anxiety disorder" that can relieved with high-powered prescription dope.

The experts plan to try out the anti-anxiety drug called clomipramine by feeding it to 20 really bad cats volunteered by their owners.

"We're looking for 20 real bullies — the ones that start the fights," says researcher Tracy Kroll. "We want to see whether cat-to-cat aggression can be reduced with anti-anxiety medication."

Not everyone is thrilled with the idea. Said one cat lover: "If you really want to improve the temperament of a misbehaving cat, forget the drugs — try giving him a little love and treating him with respect."

Top 10 celeb names people give their pets

FORGET old-fashioned monikers like "Rover," "Spot," "Fluffy" and "Skip" — today's dog lovers are naming their pups after celebrities, musicians and sports stars like TV's Homer Simpson, songbird Britney Spears and basketball great, Shaquille O'Neal!

And when those names don't "fit," remarkable new surveys show, more people than ever are taking their cues from food and drink, calling their pets things like Dom Perignon, after the famed champagne — and Quiche, after the egg dish!

Here are the Top 10 names for dogs as recorded in 2001, the last year for which statistics are available. The full name of the celebrity or explanation are in parenthesis:

1. Homer.
2. Britney.
3. Beretta (actor Robert Blake's famous 1970s TV character in show of the same name).
4. Ally (McBeal, TV lawyer played by Calista Flockhart).
5. (Jay) Leno (late night TV king).
6. Shaq.
7. Julio (Iglesias, pop singer).
8. J-Lo (Jennifer Lopez, pop singer).
9. Conan (O'Brien, talk show host).
10. Zorro.

'SO MANY' dogs have been named Britney — We've given her an honorary dog tag!

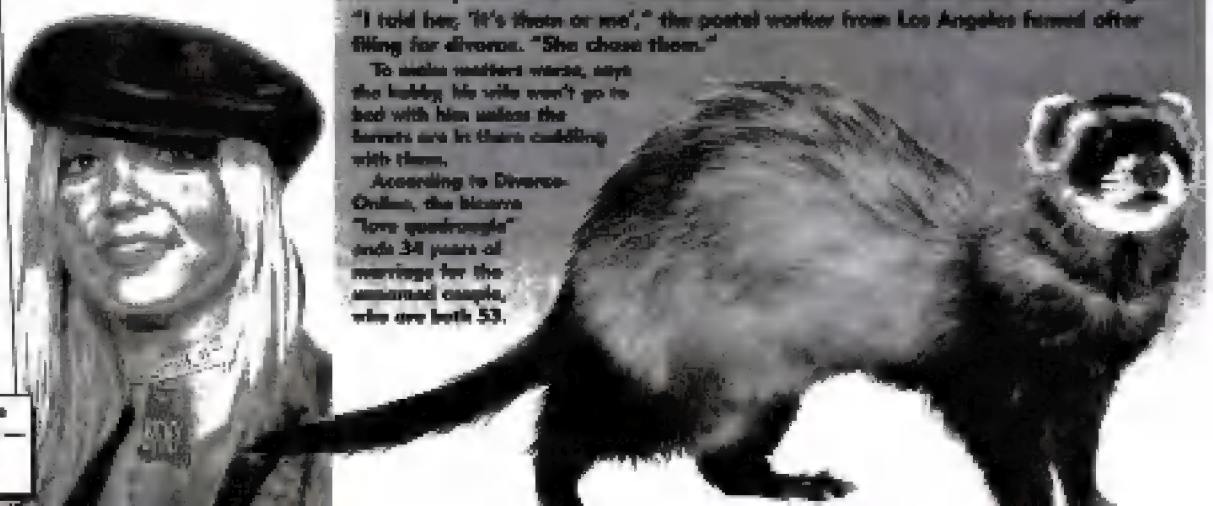
HUBBY DUMPS WIFE WHO BROUGHT FERRETS TO BED!

A MAILMAN left his wife because she's fallen madly in love with her two pet ferrets — she even takes them to bed with her at night!

"I told her, 'It's them or me'," the postal worker from Los Angeles fumed after filing for divorce. "She chose them."

To make matters worse, says the hubby, his wife won't go to bed with him unless the ferrets are in there cuddling with them.

According to Divorce-Online, the bizarre "love quadrangle" ends 34 years of marriage for the unnamed couple, who are both 53.



Angry Ed sez:

REAL MEN DON'T CLEAN HOUSE

My America

By ED ANGER

I'm madder than machoman Hulk Hogan changing a diaper over the headline I just saw in my hometown newspaper: Househusbands at Greater Risk for Early Death.

We've got two things going on here, folks. For starters, the headline is so obvious it's stupid. It's like saying, O.J. Simpson Spotted on Golf Course, Clinton Caught with Pants Down, or Italy Surrenders, for crying out loud.

Any man worth his sleeveless T-shirt knows that trading his tool belt for a garter belt is like going to a funeral home and asking to be stuffed and packed on the spot.

And the story is even dumber than the headline! It says that pansies who wash clothes instead of their SUVs or polish the wife's silver instead of their Smith and Wessons have an 82% greater chance of going to that big sewing room in the sky before their time than those of us who leave housework to the women.

My first reaction is to say, "Good riddance!" But since women's lib has already wiped out most of the planet's real men, we need to save every guy we can.

I'm not exactly proud of it, but I was a "househusband" for exactly three days, 11 hours, 37 minutes and 18 seconds back in 1974 when Thelma Jean had to go into the hospital for surgery to correct some "woman trouble."

I was stuck with the kids, Jimbo and Sarah Lee, and it wasn't pretty. After getting them to sleep at 5:30 p.m. with an early dinner and some cold medicine, I thought I'd catch up on the laundry and dishes real fast by doing them together in the washing machine.

It went O.K., even though I did spend the next two days shaking the silverware out of my underwear. And Sarah Lee complained that her dresses smelled like leftover pot roast, but it's like I told her, "That's what deodorant is for."

Anyway, by the time Thelma Jean got back home, I almost had to go enroll in some kind of "Guy Education 101" class to remember how to be a man.

About all I could remember was how to crack open a brewski and tell Thelma Jean that she didn't look too fat in her jeans – and not sound like I was lying.

Men weren't made to be housewives — just like ice skaters, cheerleaders and ballerinas weren't made to play professional football. It's a simple law of nature. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: "The Good Lord gave gals little hands so they can clean in corners and other tight

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THE weeping ghost of a Civil War widow haunts an old Confederate graveyard — roaming the endless rows of tombstones in search of her dead husband!

. . . in search of her dead husband!

For well over a century, scores of eyewitnesses have seen the lonely wraith, known as the Lady in Gray, drifting through the Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio, or have heard her mournful wails.

What's more, the spectral lady regularly leaves behind tangible evidence of her visitations: Flowers that mysteriously appear on the graves of two particular soldiers — left by unseen hands.

Cindy Steinke, president of the Hilltop Historical Society, confirms that many visitors to the cemetery and nearby Livingston Park have seen the translucent figure of a young woman in long, gray 19th century garb.

"They've seen her walk right through trees and float through the cemetery gate. She is always looking down and weeping," Steinke recently told a reporter for the *Columbus Dispatch*.

During the Civil War, Camp Chase served as a Union prison and was used to warehouse captured Confederate troops.

It soon gained a reputation as one of the worst prison camps of the era, with atrocious conditions and sardine-like overcrowding. At least 2,300 men died there of malnutrition and disease, mostly victims of a smallpox epidemic that struck in the winter of 1863 to '64.

About 2,260 soldiers were hurriedly buried in the camp cemetery, in rows of graves marked by simple stone tablets, many of them lacking names.

After the war, the camp was turned into a Confederate cemetery, and bodies that had been placed elsewhere in the city were moved and reburied there.

With such a tragic history, it's not surprising that Chase Cemetery has been the site of many ghost-sightings. Its most famous — the Lady in Gray.

As well as waltzing through trees, the grim figure has been seen passing through large tombstones and even disappearing through the stone wall surrounding the cemetery.

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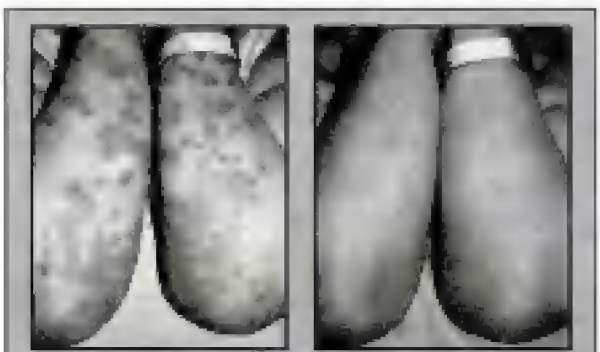

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By MICHAEL FORSYTH
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dressed in a gray wool traveling suit with black buttons, in the style of the 1860s. Her hair is in a neat bun, covered by a gray hat.

"According to legend, after the war, a Confederate widow came to Columbus looking for her husband's body to take it home for burial and was told it had been moved from another city cemetery to Camp Chase," Lois Neff, historian for the Hilltop Historical Society, told *Weekly World News*.

"But when she went to Camp Chase, she couldn't find his grave. So, legend has it, the ghost is still looking for her husband's body."

Over the years, many people have reported hearing the sounds of a woman weeping inside the cemetery. But whenever police are dispatched, no one is ever found.

In 1988, during a Civil War reenactment at Camp Chase, scores of participants heard the sounds of a woman weeping — but when they looked around, no one could be seen crying.

At the same time, an eerie wind swept suddenly through the gate and over the cemetery, blowing down the tent set up for the reenactment.

LADY IN GRAY roams the Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio, in this artist's rendition.

Physicist's nationwide search for lost Ernie doll

HEARTBROKEN Leslie McGourty has launched a nationwide search for the ratty old Ernie doll she lost on a cross-country trip to Seattle!

"I know it seems bizarre because he is, after all, cloth," says the distraught physicist from Greenville, N.H. "But he's my good-luck charm."

McGourty points out that she's had the doll, which is modeled after the famous *Sesame Street* character, since she was a little girl.

She's all grown up now — 32 years old — and not at all shy about taking dramatic measures to get the floppy-mouthed fella back.

Since losing the doll on a trip to Seattle, she's been spreading the word all over the country — taking out newspaper ads, running alerts on the Internet and even offering a fat reward for Ernie's safe return.

For those who don't know, Ernie was the more sensible half of the *Sesame Street* team, Bert and Ernie.

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POPE'S HIGH-TECH SOLUTION

POPE JOHN PAUL II and the Vatican have hit on a high-tech way to short-circuit sex scandals gripping the Catholic Church: Robot Priests!

And *Weekly World News* has obtained top-secret blueprints that prove:

1. The technology to build the "mechanical holy men" does, in fact, exist.

2. Not only that, the first prototypes, which cost $2 million each, are just weeks away from being tested in as-yet unspecified parishes in the United States.

By SUSAN AMBROSINO
Weekly World News

Neither the Pope nor official Vatican spokesmen are speaking for the record.

But highly placed church sources who leaked blueprints and schematics concede that the survival of the church might hinge on the success of the Japanese-made "Kumachi" robots.

Father Luciano Bellacosa.

"We are expecting these units to perform many of the duties of a human priest, including hearing confession, conducting Mass, officiating at weddings and funerals and giving sermons," explains a Vatican insider with ties to the project.

"Robots lack human emotions, impulses and intuitions, and that's certainly a drawback.

"But sooner than later, engineers will take the technology to the next level, and find ways to make these machines more lifelike."

The insider stopped short of saying that the robots were created in order to stem a rising tide of anger and distrust arising from allegations of sex abuse by priests in the United States.

But another Vatican source insists: "That's clearly the case."

The insider did say that the first fleet of "mechanical holy men" will begin ministering electronically to the faithful in select parishes in the U.S. by August.

"We aren't Polyannas here — we expect some resistance," adds the insider. "But anytime you introduce drastic change, some people are going to fight you."

The insider says Pope John Paul "was instrumental in the development of robot-priest technology, having approved it in theory as early as 1999."

The insider goes on to say the Pope also approved accelerating the program when a series of lurid sex scandals rocked the Catholic Church to its foundations earlier this year.

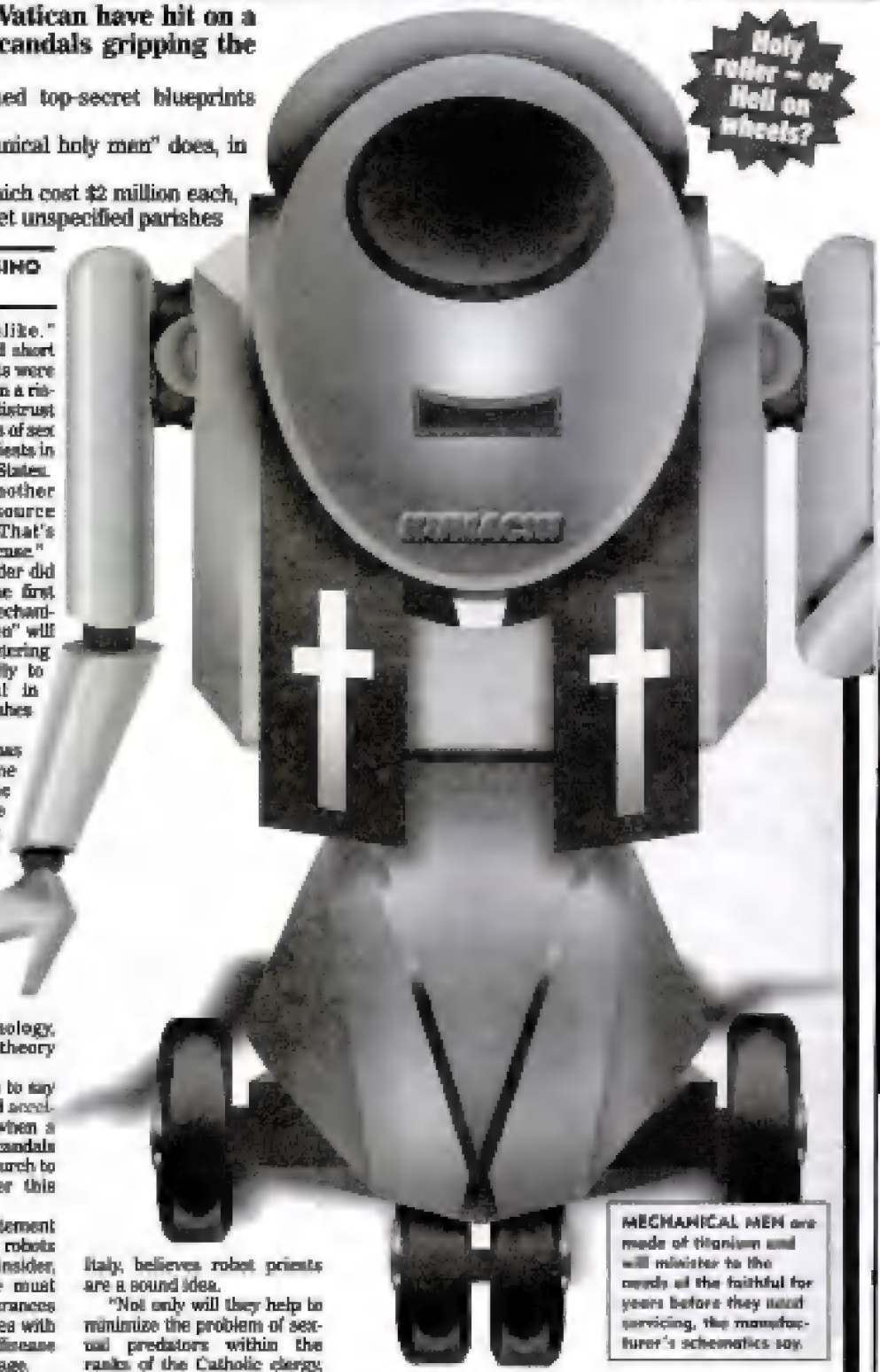
"He will issue a statement supporting the use of robots very soon," says the insider, noting that the Pope must time his public appearances carefully as he struggles with advanced Parkinson's disease and the ravages of old age.

Father Luciano Bellacosa, professor of theology at the prestigious St. Thomas Aquinas University in Rome, Italy, believes robot priests are a sound idea.

"Not only will they help to minimize the problem of sexual predators within the ranks of the Catholic clergy, they also can be used to boost the ranks of the clergy — period," he says.

"The robots aren't plagued the church since the 1960s.

bargain compared to the multimillion dollar payoffs



MECHANICAL MEN are made of titanium and will minister to the needs of the faithful for years before they need servicing, the manufacturer's schematics say.

Kid's taco was a real killer!

A TEEN-AGED girl tried to kill her mother by feeding her tacos filled with rat poison!

And it was the family dog who provided the clue that nailed the brat.

Lawmen in Manila City say the 13-year-old girl's mother got deathly ill from the food, but recovered.

A week later, cops discovered the family's Chihuahua had died from eating the leftovers.

The girl was charged

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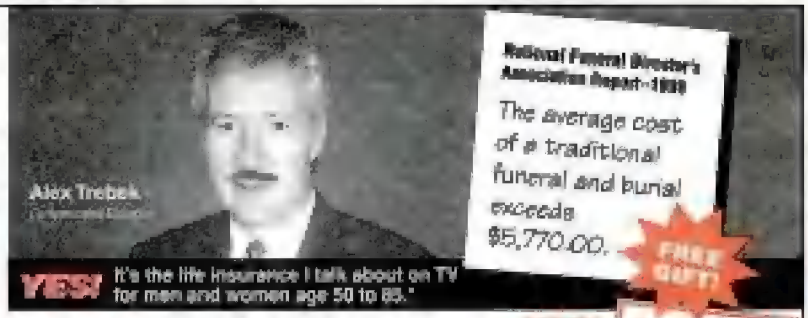

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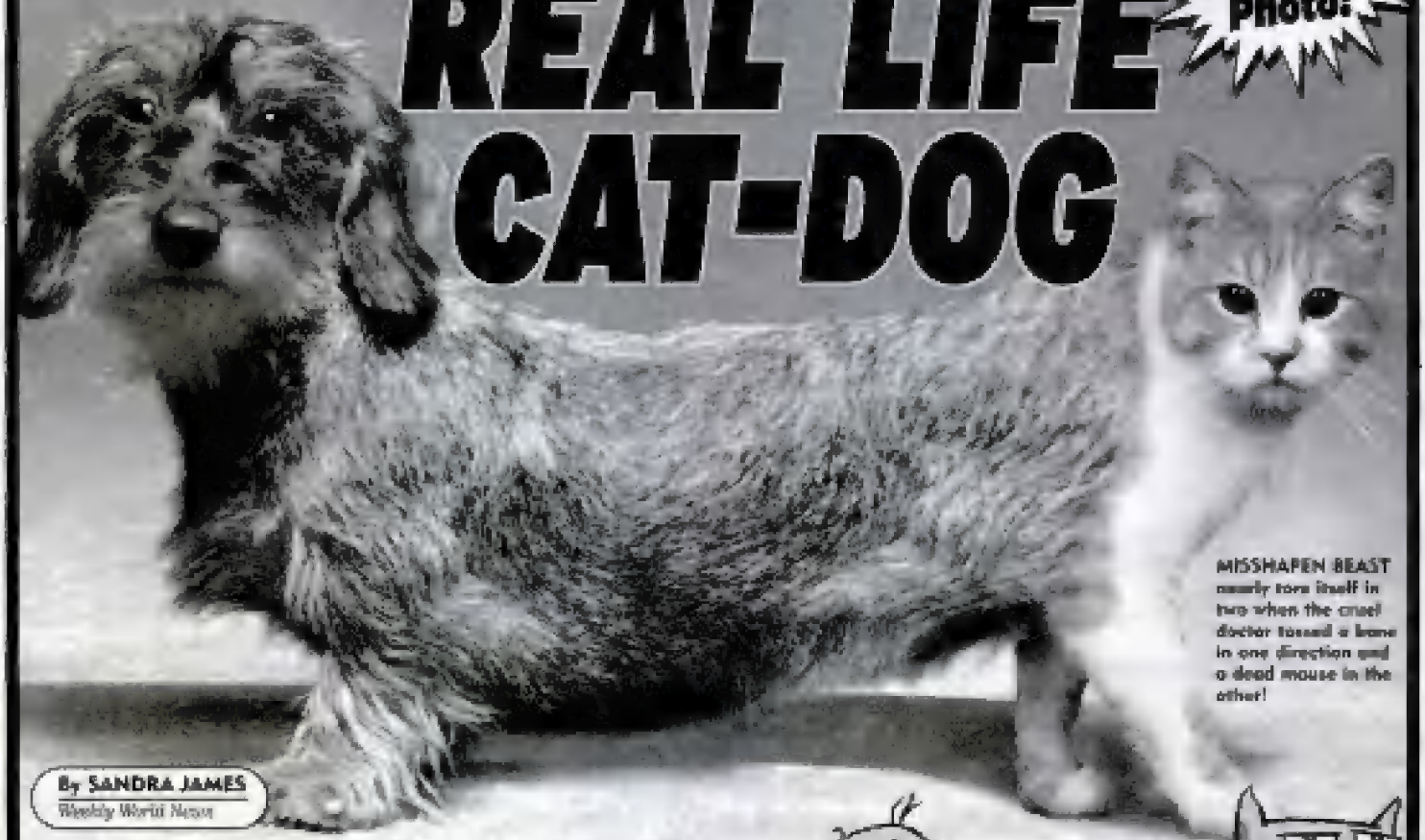

MISSHAPEN BEAST nearly tore itself in two when the cruel doctor tossed a bone in one direction and a dead mouse in the other!

By SANDRA JAMES
Weekly World News

IN AN experiment gone horribly wrong, a God-playing scientist has concocted a bizarre new creature — a furry freak that's half-cat, half-dog!

The cat-dog has two heads — a cat's head at one end and a dog's head at the other — and a set of shared genitalia in the middle. Sources say the cat-dog lives a miserable existence, barking and hissing at itself in constant battle as the two warring species are forced together.

"You should have seen what happened when the dog half tried to lick itself," moans a disgusted assistant to Dr. Klaus Manfrieden, the German geneticist who masterminded the creation. "It barely survived."

But rather than put the poor thing out of its misery, Dr. Manfrieden and several other researchers are using "Katzenhund" for their own sick amusement — teasing it unmercifully as it tries to cope with its condition.

"He threw a bone in one direction, and a dead mouse in the other," reveals the assistant. "The poor thing nearly split itself in two trying

It looks just like the TV cartoon!

group. People for the Humane Treatment of Animals, is attempting to rescue Katzenhund and shut down Dr. Manfrieden's lab near Stuttgart, Germany. But the scientist has stationed armed guards outside the private facility, and refuses to let outsiders on the premises.

Francois Maret, spokeswoman for Paris-based PHTA, called Dr. Manfrieden "a madman who proves why animal experimentation must stop — and stop now."

What little is known about the case comes from the lab assistant, who smuggled out a shocking photo of Katzenhund and gave this account of its creation:

attempting to artificially refine various breeds," the assistant says. "And for several weeks, Dr. Manfrieden was complaining that the work was 'excruciatingly dull.' Then one morning, he assembled us all and announced that he had found a way to 'liven things up.' He said he had combined genetic samples from a cat and a dog, and in a few weeks we would see a miracle of genetic engineering.

"He called it 'my uber-pet' — a super-pet!

"Sure enough," he continues, "only a week later this — this thing — began developing into the abomination that lives today. A few of us begged Dr. Manfrieden to dispose of

his office until the thing was born.

"Now he spends the whole day 'playing' with it — and most of the other assistants have been sucked into these demented goings-on. They all think Dr. Manfrieden is a genius.

"The other day one of them chased Katzenhund up a tree — the cat half sat on a branch all day, while the poor dog half hung upside down, howling and whimpering! They all stood around it, laughing uproariously."

The assistant says he and "one or two other" horrified lab workers decided to alert the world to the wretched experiment, hoping someone can help to "end this insanity."

"But you'd better act fast," he

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

Does hubby's sex change make me a lesbian?

DEAR Dotti: I'll get straight to the point. A few weeks ago my husband of 22 years got the sex-change operation he's dreamed of getting all his life. I knew he was funny this way when we got married. But frankly, sex has never meant all that much to me and my husband and I are less like a couple than we are good friends.

The problem is, some of my friends have been telling me that everybody's going to think I'm a lesbian because I'm now married to a woman. It sounds nutty at first, but when you think about it, technically, they've got a point. When people ask — and they will — what am I going to say? This might seem trite to you, but it's a very big deal to me. — Not-So-Twisted-Sister in Waco

Dear Lesbo: Women who marry women are lesbians and that's all there is to it. To make matters worse from your point of view, you're now the MAN in this relationship!

My little brother keeps flashing my friends

Dear Dotti: I'm a girl, 16, and I [illegible] family" and our mom's "little angel," and in her eyes, he can't do anything wrong. Even worse, whenever my friends come over, he pesters us by running around the house wearing nothing but his long yellow raincoat — and flashing everybody who looks his way. I've begged him to stop and I've threatened him, too. I also complained to my mother but he only does it when she's not at home. And rather than talk to him or punish him, she accuses me of "exaggerating." Please tell me what to do? — Chelsea in Deep Gap

Dear Chelsea: I could prattle on and on about your situation but I'll keep it short and sweet. Get yourself a peashooter and the next time he flings open the flaps of that raincoat, zap him where it hurts!

Why SHOULDN'T I burp at the dinner table?

Dear Dotti: Whenever I finish a good meal I belch loudly to show my approval and appreciation for the little lady who cooked it up for me. In fact, whenever I can work up "a big head of steam," so to speak, I actually burp the words, "Thank you that was good I will come back soon" so there will be no mistaking my intent. I realize that some people might find belching at the table offensive. But I've read that in many, many primitive cultures around the world, people are deeply offended if you DON'T burp your approval after eating. My friends say I'm grossing them out but I think they should open their minds. Don't you agree? — Cultured in Watkins Glen

Dear Fool: In many primitive cultures around the world, people not only belch their approval after eating, they shrink heads, worship bottle caps, chow down on human flesh, throw spears at the sun to stop a solar eclipse — and are still scratching their heads over the invention of the wheel. The bottom line? Unless you're willing to go "completely native," stooge, keep the gas to yourself!

Why does Granny keep matches in the bathroom?

Dear Dotti: Every time I go to the bathroom after my Granny, it smells like she's been striking matches. I've also seen her take books of matches out of Dad's desk drawer and hide them in the medicine cabinet over the toilet. One time I asked her about it and she got nervous and changed the subject. I'm just a kid, but I'm worried that Granny might be a firebug or something and maybe she's playing with matches. She's real old and I'm afraid she might burn the house down. Do you think I should call the police? Help me! — Scared in Gaithersburg

Dear Scared: Your granny isn't a firebug — she's just being polite. Back in the old days before people had things like air fresheners, scented candles, flush toilets and high-powered exhaust fans, folks always struck matches after going potty to mask "indelicate odors" left swirling in their wake. As for calling the cops, it's not necessary — but you might want to do it as a joke. I'm assuming, of course, that you're young and cute enough to stay out of jail for filing a false report!

Dotti: N.Y. firefighters need your panties!

Dear Dotti: As a heroic New York firefighter, I'd like to ask a big favor of you. I'm thinking about organizing a benefit for the guys and would like 20 or 30 pairs of your hottest panties to sell to the highest bidders. I'm sure we'd get a pretty penny for those luscious babies, and the dough would help our cause and boost morale. Will you do your part? — Firefighter in New York

Dear Firefighter: I'll be happy to send my panties to benefit New York's bravest AFTER you explain why you want them "divied up and sent to the occupants" of P.O. boxes in Kershaw, S.C., and Macon, Ga. Meanwhile, Rube, I'll

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Dear Sugar Plum Fairy in Kinston: I'm not touching that one, Fred, with YOUR 10-foot pole!

Dear Feeling Guilty in Morehead City: You should have thought about "the potential for destroying a kind, wonderful and innocent man" before you told the preacher's wife and children you were having his baby.

Dear Stooge in Boston: I don't care what your social worker says, a 12-year-old girl has absolutely no business spending the night with her boyfriend — even if he does "have a good job at McDonald's."

Dear Cootchie Coot in Taylorsville: The way I see it, geez, you can do one of two things: Trash the Hustler collection — or take one of those "chemical castration" pills!

Dear Furious Senator in Washington: Obstruction of justice isn't the half of it. If you ask me, you're guilty of murder!

Dear Friendly Guy in Portland: Sorry to wipe the smile off your face, glad, but I think you're an idiot!

Dear Stayin' Alive in Trenton: I predict this will become increasingly more difficult for you after the Hell's Angel finds out YOU are the stoolie who ratted out their methamphetamine lab.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like

Is this man crazy?

MONEY is coming out of this man's ears — literally!

ADVISORY

Is eccentric Kobas Petrie legit? Only he knows for sure. *Weekly World News* assumes no responsibility for the claims printed on these pages. Good luck!

THIS 'I'M BILL

All you the m

By MITCH LAFAYETTE
Weekly World News

WHO WANTS to be a billionaire? Eccentric Belgian businessman Kobas Petrie claims to have an enormous reward for anyone in the United States clever enough to find him — what he says is his $1.5 billion fortune!

If he means what he says, you don't even have to marry the 74-year-old Brussels-based industrial titan. He insists you just have to find him — and he used the Internet to provide 10 clues he promises will lead to his whereabouts in the U.S.

There's only one catch.

The deadline is July 4 — America's birthday and a day that has had special meaning for Petrie since allied troops liberated him and his family from the shackles of Nazi tyranny in 1944.

"I have always loved America and celebrated its thanks to American intervention in World War II," says Petrie, speaking from his "second home" — a palatial estate somewhere in the U.S.

"I want to reward someone in this country to thank and honor what America has done for me. If that person is served. The first person to find me takes it all. The second person gets nothing."

everything I own will be his or hers upon my death." Petrie has no living relatives.

Here are the 10 clues that he published for just 24 short hours on the Internet that may point the way to someone's new future as an

1 "A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his own esteem." — Proverbs 18:11-11.

2 "Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you." — Isaiah 60:5

3 "Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! There is no end of

desirable prize." — Nahum 2:8-9.

4 "After 70 years are completed at Babylon ... you will seek me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart. I will be found by you." — Jeremiah 29:10-14.

5 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth!'" — Revelation 18:19.

6 Follow Me As I Follow Him: If you are striving to achieve Abundant Victorious Living you must attend The Shepherd's Flock

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have to do to get oney is find him!

KOBAS PETRIE may be eccentric — but you'd be crazy, he says, not to try to find him!

10 clues can lead you to the dough, he says!

includes a donatino so that the blind might see by the dawn's early light.

7 Lost and Found: One pink child's "Prairie Dawn" slipper, a black leather checkbook holder with the initials P.J.M., and a pair of dentures.

Ladies Pot Luck and Bible Study: Bring a covered dish and join other women for fellowship and an in depth study of Paul's ministry.

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9 "So the donkey said to Balaam, 'Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?' And he said, 'No.' — Numbers 22:30.

10 "Have you entered the springs of the sea, or walked in search of the depths?" — Job 38:16

Happy hunting!

Gal's meal explodes in her face!

A WOMAN is suing a fast-food restaurant over a "defective" chicken sandwich that she says exploded in her face.

The lawsuit, filed in Sandusky County, Ohio, demands $25,000 for pain and suffering. The woman says her face and hands were severely burned in the blow-up at a popular chain restaurant.

Her lawyer says the sandwich was "poorly designed," and the restaurant should have warned people.

Execs weren't avail-

SATAN GOT YOUR SOUL? NEVER FEAR!

How YOU can renegotiate your deal with the Devil!

By MATT BETT
Weekly World News

YOU sold your soul to the Devil and now you're thinking you didn't get the best deal. Don't fret. Getting more for your surrendered spirit is easy, say experts, with insider tips and tricks that can help you renegotiate!

"It's a little known fact that deals you make with the Prince of Darkness are far from ironclad," declares attorney Thomas Rutmore, founder of Celestial Concessions, a Kingston, Jamaica-based agency that specializes in contracts between mortals and demons.

"Old Scratch, he's a shrewd deal maker. But just because you signed on the dotted line doesn't mean you have to settle for the initial deal. Terms can always be adjusted to your favor."

Rutmore's agency might sound like somebody's idea of a joke, but it's a deadly serious — and wildly successful — business.

Since opening doors in 1999, he says, over 600 satisfied customers have shelled out $2,000 a pop for advice on renegotiating with Satan.

Critics — and there are many — say Rutmore is taking advantage of people who merely think their lives are being controlled by Satan.

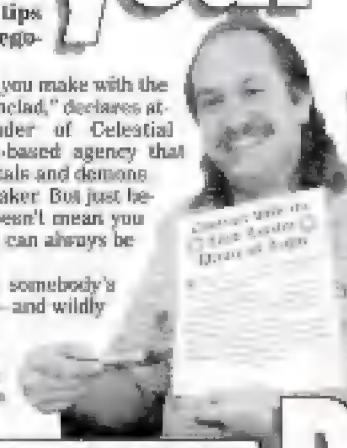
Others are convinced the attorney is providing an important and legitimate service for people who benefit greatly from his expertise.

"When Thomas helps a person renegotiate, the result is similar to that which occurs when an exorcist waves a Bible and a crucifix to drive away a demon," explains Patrice Mason, a psychologist who refers clients to Rutmore when her own attempts to help them by more conventional means fails.

"Was there really a demon? Maybe there was, maybe there wasn't. But the person who thought he was possessed feels better and the quality of his life improves.

"If Thomas can help a person with his renegotiation service, who's to say that what he's doing is wrong?

"I happen to think his fee is a small price to pay for a little peace of mind."



INTERNET mogul Gordon Gonderfield cheerily displays his newly amended pact with the Devil. He was able to add 13 years to his life.

WARNING:

Dealing with Satan and dark supernatural forces is a risky proposition no matter how experienced you are. If you are unsure of yourself, please, don't be foolish. Consult a certified professional like Thomas Rutmore or any trusted minister, pastor or priest. The quality of your eternal life may depend on it.

FIVE HOT TIPS

Here are Rutmore's suggestions for renegotiating a deal with Satan all on your own. Since you won't have an expert to fall back on, be sure to read the instructions carefully before you begin.

Don't aim too high. "A woman initially surrendered her soul in order to become president of her backgammon club," says Rutmore. "Then she came to me, hoping I could renegotiate and get her an important political position. That deal would never get made. Look to sweeten the pot, not to add it in gold."

Do aim high enough. While this tip might seem to contradict the first tip, it's important to recognize that in the course of negotiations, you must ask for a little more than you can reasonably expect to get. Rutmore holds fast to the "200 percent rule" — never asking for below twice what he's willing to settle for.

Stay cool and calm. The last thing you want is for Satan to see you losing your cool. If you stand before him quivering and desperate, he will be far less likely to help you out. But if you're confident and act as if you are entitled to a better deal, you're more likely to get what you want.

Be pleasant. "The Evil One has a notoriously short fuse," explains Rutmore. "Aggravating him will only cause him to spin on his heels and dismiss you outright. Let him hiss and spit. Maintaining your manners will keep him off balance and will give you a better chance at making a favorable arrangement."

Keep your options open. If the negotiation does not go as planned, resist the urge to insult Satan or storm out of the room, which plays directly into his hands. End the negotiation with a smile so you can go back try again later, perhaps when the Prince of Darkness is in a better mood.

Serena Sabak

AMERICA'S SEXIEST PSYCHIC

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Why does neighbor howl at the moon?

DEAR Serena: I've got an awful feeling that my neighbor is part of some sick cult. During full moon nights, he hosts private "parties" that involve a group of about 10 people who arrive in long robes and stay until dawn.

They don't make much noise, except for some chanting and humming that I can't understand and I've looked over my fence and seen them in a circle with arms outstretched, praying to the stars and bowling at the moon! I have also seen them sprinkling white powder in circles and brandishing long, shiny knives — though they never cut themselves or each other. Should I report them to the police? — Suspicious in Marblehead

Dear Suspicious: You have nothing to fear, except perhaps gaining a reputation as a nosy busybody! Your neighbor and his friends are Druids, an ancient Celtic religion that is harmless. If you ask him, he'll be more than happy to teach you about his beliefs. I see spiritual fulfillment and an end to your physical curiosity if you do so!

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Dear Serena: I have multiple allergies, which limit the foods I can eat safely without breaking out into hives and developing harmless, but ugly, large polyps on my chin, earlobes and knees. I also sprout long horizontal whiskers from the side of my cheeks and look like a lumpy mutant cat from Mars if I'm not careful. Foods most people take for granted, such as potatoes, chocolate, meats and fish, can cause these conditions. Doctors have not been able to help and I am tired of living on melons, nuts, rhubarb and soybeans. I'd sell my soul for a rare steak, corn on the cob and a baked potato slathered with butter. — Starving in Tallmadge

Dear Starving: I placed your letter in my healing basket and prayed over it for five days. I also cast the I-ching and found that you have been going to doctors who are well meaning, but not wise. I am sending you the name of a food allergy specialist in a nearby town who, along with my prayers should have you digging into a T-bone with all the trimmings within two weeks!

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Dear Serena: I've always felt a strong connection with the late Princess Diana. That feeling has only grown since her death and lately I feel as though she's been speaking to me from beyond the grave.

She's been telling me to leave my home and family and go to India to become a member of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. This would upset my wife and four children greatly, but I feel that her instructions and the chance to help with the work Mother Teresa began are higher callings. What is your advice? — Feeling Called in Holyfield

Dear Feeling Called: As you know, Princess Diana and Mother Teresa were very close, and your urges are natural, considering your admiration. But your family's future would take tragic turns if you suddenly packed your bags for Calcutta. Both you and your wife will find happiness and spiritual fulfillment if you heed Princess Di's voice after your children have grown and left home.

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Dear Serena: I am competing in a watermelon-growing contest this summer and hope to break the world record of 262 pounds. I know you're not a gardening advice columnist, but you seem close to nature and I am wondering if you can give me any help, spells or advice for attaining my goal. — Melon Man in Hunter's Corner

Dear Melon Man: Ethically, I cannot cast a spell to give you an edge in your melon growing contest — I make it a point to never use my powers to "fix" contests or results of any kind. But I am sending you an ancient growing spell you may cast yourself. That, combined with some modern fertilizer will help you attain your goal by yourself.

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PERSUNAL TO:

Mary in Portsmouth: **The real value is not the broach but the jewelry case which has a famous history. Take it to an appraiser, not the pawnshop!**

Simmering in Loughton: **Jupiter, the planet of good times and good feelings, is at work in your success chart, so hold on and don't boil over. Smiles while you're in line at the coffee shop will also lead to new beginnings with a Scorpio.**

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

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173 Tune for two
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209 Ancient remain
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212 Mother Goose's Jack
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215 Spanish sir
216 Count on
217 Expanded
219 Dry, withered
221 Upright
223 Epic poem
225 Heavy hammer
227 Like old bread
229 Colorado park
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232 Smack
234 Willowy
238 City thoroughfare
237 Jacket feature
239 Footstool
241 Weather map line
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248 Carped on
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8 Blushed
9 Reach maturity
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11 Store, as grain
12 Explain
13 Precipitate
14 Big coffeemaker
15 Idleness
16 Hindered
18 Relay or regatta
19 Fragrance
20 Soda follower
21 Beginning
22 Scoffed at
24 Is in debt
26 British sand hill
28 Churn
32 Oil derrick
33 Process food
34 Fall month
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40 Climb up
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169 Star of the show
170 Two under par
171 Ammonia compound
172 Garden tool
174 Large tree
176 Mausoleums
177 Certain horses
178 Abrasive material
179 Skidded
181 Bunny
182 Iroquois Indians
183 Big truck
184 Insolent
186 Leaks slowly
187 Gawks wide-eyed
188 Lascivious look
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194 Policeman's shield
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200 Spartan slave
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228 Pay attention
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231 Wooden board
233 Pea holders
235 That lady
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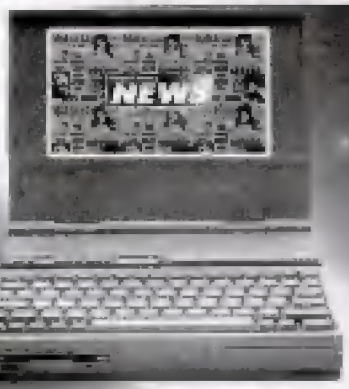

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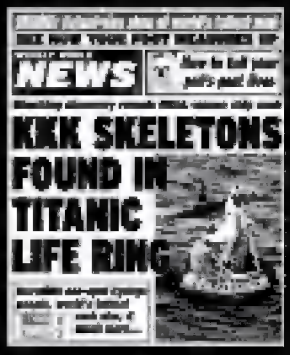

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FAMILY LIVES IN GIANT NEST!

By JEFFREY L. GURIAN
Weekly World News

No taxes!
Plenty of fresh air!
No pesky salesmen!

LAID-OFF Wade Trundle hit on a wild way to shelter his family after a bank foreclosed on their house. The do-anything dad marched out into the woods, climbed the tallest tree in sight — and built his wife and two kids a gigantic nest.

"Birds live in them, why shouldn't we?" said the 28-year-old father of two. "It's not what I'd call a roof over our heads, but it's cozy and safe. Besides, I figure this might be our ticket to fame, and maybe a new job for me, too.

"Sooner or later, David Letterman or Jay Leno is going to send a camera crew out here and put us on late-night TV."

The bizarre "I've got an idea, let's live in a nest" drama unfolded after Trundle, a cabinet maker by trade, lost his job in a company "down-sizing."

Without, as he puts it, "a nest egg to fall back on," he and wife Janet and their 2-year-old twins lost the modest but comfortable 4-bedroom house they bought in 1988.

They were living in their 1986 Ford Aerostar van when the unemployed dad — who refuses to accept "unemployment checks, food stamps or any kind of charity" — seriously began to contemplate suicide.

"I can always get us something to eat by hunting or fishing but I was really depressed about living in the van like homeless peo-

told Janet I was going for a hike in the woods just to clear my mind. I hadn't been out there five minutes when I heard a 'screech' and looked up.

"I saw a bald eagle and it hit me in a flash. Eagles are the ultimate symbol of American pride and guts — and they build huge nests.

WADE TRUNDLE

"I remember thinking right then and there, 'Wayne, are you going to keep running around like a turkey feeling sorry for yourself or are you going to spread your wings and soar with the eagles?'

"I guess you know how I answered that question — I decided to fly with the eagles."

With Janet's help, Trundle pieced together a nest with branches, sticks, leaves and grasses in the tallest oak tree he could find

land. The "overhead homesite" is situated about a half-mile off the Blue Ridge Parkway just east of Blowing Rock, N.C.

The nest is 12 feet wide. It has 4- to 6-foot walls, and it sits atop two thick limbs about 17 feet above the ground. Trundle and his wife climb a rope ladder to access it — and carry up their twins in backpacks!

"It's not as uncomfortable as you might think, just a little scratchy," chuckles Janet, who's quick to point out she wants to buy another house when her husband finds a new job.

"Growing up, I never pictured myself living in a nest, but life brings you things you'd never expect. You kind of have to roll with the punches."

Trundle adds: "There's a tremendous sense of free-

feel totally connected to nature. On a clear night, you just lay back with your hands behind your head and fall asleep looking up at the stars."

WADE'S wife Janet, shown here doing the family's laundry, says living in a nest is comfortable — "just a little scratchy."

SCIENTISTS TO TAKE 'TOOT' OUT OF BEANS

EXPERTS at North Dakota State University are striving to strip the so-called "musical fruit" of its power to

are looking for a way to create built-in enzymes that curb the intestinal gas that builds to a powerful and sometimes explosive crescendo whenever you eat

stories – every week!

By KATE McCLARE
Weekly World News

New hamster cookbook puts pet lovers in a stew

CUDDLY critters are great pets — and tasty, too!

CUTE little hamsters aren't just for petting anymore, they're fur eatin', too, says the author of an outrageous new cookbook that's chock full of wild and woolly recipes like Hamster Flambe, Spaghetti and Furballs — and Critter Cacciatore!

"It's just disgusting," fumes Mary Creighton, spokesman for the International Society for the Prevention of Animal Abuse, in Glasgow, Scotland.

"We are moving immediately to block the release of this sick book."

The recipes are included in *The Kitchen Hamster*, by Marian Grimsley. The 97-page book reads like a joke, but it isn't.

As the author herself says: "Hamsters are inexpensive to buy, easy to raise and delicious on the table.

"There's no better way to stretch your food budget than by dining on the succulent meat of the common household hamster."

"Hamsters are not only cute and cuddly," the book gushes, "but their meat is scrumptious if properly prepared.

"And hamsters are known to be low in both fat and cholesterol.

"Most people say they taste like the dark meat of chicken."

Here's a hamster recipe you probably shouldn't try at home!

Hamster Dijon

Slaughter, skin, gut and fillet 24 hamsters. Roll fillets in salt and pepper and a little flour. Dip prepared meat in dijon mustard, covering well. Fry in hot olive oil 3 minutes or until crispy golden brown. Serves 4.

Nothing can 'match' this

WORLD'S SMALLEST GIRLIE MAG

READY for a little action? Then check out the world's smallest girlie magazine. It's no wider than the head of the match it's sitting on. And yet, it's jam-packed with 12 sizzling photos of scantily clad ladies that most folks will need a magnifying glass to see. The easy-to-hide naughty book is the work of Paris-based "micro artist" Paul

Loving llama's roving eyes

ZOOKEEPERS are in a tizzy over a hot-blooded llama that tries to mate with everything BUT his partner!

Carlos the llama has mounted ponies, donkeys, camels and even a fire hydrant, staffers at Belgium's Antwerp Zoo say.

They theorize the poor guy is confused because his partner is a new

GAL DUMPS HUBBY FOR CPR DUMMY

'He's good-looking, a great listener — and he doesn't hog the television remote!'

BEWARE – Bizarre photos!

FRANCINE and Earl — the lovebirds have been inseparable since they met at a CPR course.

THE 52-year-old gal can't keep her hands off the thousand dollar boy-toy.

"HE'S a great listener," Francine says of her rubber lover.

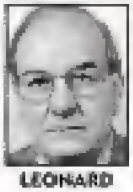
"HE knows how to make a

PROCLAIMING her husband of 30 years "a jerk and a clod," Francine Jenkins has filed for a quickie divorce so she can shack up with the new love of her life — a full-size CPR dummy named Earl!

"It sounds crazy, but Earl is the man of my dreams," the 52-year-old store clerk told reporters in Perth, Australia. "And I can't wait for my divorce from Leonard to become final so Earl and I can live happily ever after.

"I don't care how nutty you think I am. After 30 years in a marriage that went sour after a few months, I'm entitled to give my heart to anybody I want — even Earl!"

Francine met "the dummy of her dreams" while taking a Red Cross CPR course. "Earl had me the first time I pressed my mouth to his," Francine recalls with a girlish giggle. "His lips were soft and responsive, nothing like Leonard's. There was just something about him that made me want to take him home and shower him with affection.



LEONARD JENKINS

"Earl is everything Leonard isn't — good-looking, a great listener, and he doesn't hog the television remote," she adds. "He knows how to make a woman happy."

I am didn't even flinch pay the Red Cross $1,000 for her plastic boy-toy.

"It's a lot of money, I know," Francine confides. "But I've never been happier, and that's the sad, sad truth."

Leonard Jenkins admits that he was stunned when Francine broke the news to him. But he vows he won't give up his wife without a fight.

"I know I'm not perfect, but I'm still better than a six-foot pile of rubber and plastic!" the 60-year-old auto salesman told reporters. "I love Francine and I intend to keep her."

The couple's children — Anastasia, 23, and Anthony, 26 — are hopeful their parents will eventually reconcile.

"I'm sure this is just Mom's way of letting Dad know she's not going to put up with his bad habits anymore," says Anastasia. "Dad has never been an easy man to live with — he's crude, demanding and he treats Mom like she's his personal slave. But he's always been a good provider, and I know deep in my heart that he loves her very, very much."

But Francine insists that her plan to drop her husband is real.

"I need someone who will listen to me, love me, and hold me close at night," she says. "Leonard has never done any of that in the 30 years we've been married. He's cold and uncaring, and I just can't take it anymore.

"Earl may be made of rubber, but he's still twice the man Leonard ever will be. He gives me companionship, compassion and unconditional love. Ask any gal out there — I'm the luckiest woman in the world!"

FROG BABY CHOKES ON DRAGONFLY!

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

FELIX bit off more than he could chew when he tried to down a 2-inch dragonfly.

'My son almost croaked,' says relieved mom

IN A terrifying near-tragedy, "Felix the Kansas Frog Baby" stopped breathing for several minutes and nearly died — when he choked on a huge dragonfly!

But miraculously, ER doctors were able to extract the deadly bug and resuscitate the cuddly 1-year-old, who made headlines last year when he was born with bulging eyes and flipper-like feet.

"Felix has always loved to snack on flying insects, but he's used to little houseflies and mosquitoes — that dragonfly was way too much for him to handle," the tot's mother, Charlene Stubbets, told *Weekly World News*.

"When I saw his skin turn from its normal light-green complexion to a deep shade of blue, I knew immediately something was wrong. An accident like this is every mom's worst nightmare."

It was on June 16 of last year that doctors in Kansas City delivered little Felix by C-section. The massively deformed newborn looked like "an 8-pound tadpole," in the words of one stunned delivery-room nurse.

Hospital officials kept details of the birth secret from the media to protect patient privacy. But *Weekly World News* obtained an exclusive interview with single mom Charlene, which ran in our September 18 issue.

During his first few months of life, the tiny youngster became steadily more human in appearance, but has continued to exhibit remarkably amphibian behavior — including a marked preference for live flies over baby formula.

"When he was little, I used to buy flies from a scientific supply house, but that got to be expensive — Felix was eating me out of house and home," Charlene recalls.

"I found he was just as happy with the ones he caught himself in the yard. His tongue unfurls like a party horn and he can catch 20, 30 bugs a day."

The tot's brush with death unfolded on Memorial Day, when Charlene was having some neighbors over for a backyard barbecue. Felix was floating on his back in a vinyl kiddie pool, along with a pair of toddlers.

"He's been able to swim like a fish since he was an infant and I wasn't worried about him at all," says Charlene. "I noticed that big dragonfly buzzing around the pool area, but I just didn't think about the danger.

"I took my eyes off Felix for a second and he slurped the fly into his mouth. When he started choking, all I could do was stand there screaming."

An alert neighbor performed CPR on Felix, while a family guest called 911.

Felix was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors removed the 2-inch dragonfly from his throat and got the boy breathing normally again.

"Felix suffered no lasting harm," the ER physician who treated him told reporters, adding, "Children under the age of 2 should never be encouraged to swallow live insects."

WEEKLY World News first broke the frog baby story in its September 18 issue.

Woman says her hubby asked for it

A GAL who blasted her husband with a shotgun to the groin says it was all just a kinky love game gone wrong.

She told cops in Green Bay, Wisc., that she and her husband often played "gun in the groin," a game in

unloaded weapon in his shorts and pull the trigger.

But this time, she said, she forgot the gun was loaded.

Her mistake sent her husband to the hospital in critical condition, and may send her to the joint for five

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Sicko dad filmed his OWN family having sex — with each other!

THE world's worst husband and father secretly filmed his family in various private and intimate moments — even when they used the toilet or had sex, say cops!

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By NEWT COX
Weekly World News

Nurse lap dances for her patients – & gets the axe!

REGISTERED nurse and sizzling, amateur stripper Bambi Dixon has been fired for giving lap dances to sick patients who say that, contrary to what hospital officials are claiming, her hot moves and cheery outlook were "damn good medicine!"

After only three weeks on staff at Our Lady of the Assumption Hospital, the 33-year-old bombshell was axed by bosses who feared that "her misguided attempts" to cheer patients might hinder rather than help their recovery.

They disagreed.

"She was the best thing for my circulation since blood thinners and angioplasty," heart patient John Simerson, 58, told a reporter in Sydney, Australia.

"I'm serious. When Miss Dixon made her rounds, I felt better. There are no two ways about it."

Dixon declined to comment on the advice of her attorney, William Toler, who issued a statement explaining that his client "will fight her termination tooth and nail.

"Not only is it unfair to her, it's unfair to her patients. They looked forward to her visits. There were no complaints about her dancing, far from it — everyone she treated enjoyed her visits. To a man, they've made it clear they'd like to see her back."

Chief of Medicine Dr. Bart Waller acknowledges the opinions of patients like Simerson — but he stands by his decision to fire her.

"Her presence undermines the dignity of the hospital and the seriousness of the healing process," he says. "I can't condone her activity any more than I can condone giving patients ice cream and birthday cake with every meal.

"I'm sure they'd enjoy it. I'm sure they'd tell everybody the sweets were helping them to get well. But I'm the doctor. I'm trained to know what's best for patients, not the other way around."

Nurses who shared shifts with Dixon are surprised she lasted as long as she did.

"Whenever she set out to make her rounds I thought for sure she was going to give somebody a heart attack," says male nurse Bob Manley. "I don't want to be crude here, but I've got to say it: She's that hot!"

TOO HOT TO HANDLE: Bambi Dixon in this photo released by her lawyers after she got the axe.

GOOD KIDS GET REWARDS

TEENAGERS got some special rewards that they did nothing to earn — and their school hopes it stays that way.

Officials at Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon, honored 107 students, for not passing problems. Students who had passing grades and regular attendance and who

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Good kids like 16-year-old

finally good kids are getting rewarded rather than delinquents who get rewarded for the most minute accom-

Where's Osama? Find him & win $10!

THE U.S. Army is looking for him. The FBI is looking for him. The CIA is looking for him. Bat Boy's looking for him.

Terrorist creep Osama Bin Laden is the world's most wanted man, but so far, he's managed to elude capture by vanishing into thin air. Now, Weekly World News readers can have the chance to serve their country by finding the cowardly killer behind the September 11 attacks.

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$500 million knock-knock lawsuit is NO joke!

A MAN who claims his grandfather invented knock-knock jokes says his family deserves at least $500 million in unpaid royalties from comedians, book publishers, celebrity unions and TV networks — and he's suing to get the cash!

Legal papers to be filed on behalf of Henry Ested, 48, allege that his grandfather, who died in 1972, "created the knock-knock-joke format" in 1909.

The papers further allege that Ested's jokes were an "original art form" that was "illegally appropriated for profit by professional performers," all of whom "have failed to compensate our family in any way, shape or form."

HENRY ESTED

"Until the day he died, he remembered the first knock-knock joke he ever made up," says Ested, of Athens, Ga. "He used it to impress a girl he had a crush on, and you've probably heard it before.

"Knock, knock. Who's there? Aldo. Aldo who? Aldo anything for you."

Ested says the joke charmed the girl so much that she and his grandfather started dating — and ended up getting married.

He also says his grandfather continued to make up knock-knock jokes until the day he died.

"He came up with a lot of the classics — like Betty who? Betty-Lous a few pounds. Atlas who? Atlas it's the weekend. And Isabell who? Isabell out of order," says Ested.

The belief that old man Ested invented the knock-knock joke was always a source of family pride. But it was only after speaking to a lawyer that the grandson became convinced that the jokes should be a source of income.

"My lawyer came up with the figure of $500 million because the jokes have been printed and sold by so many people who got rich off the laughs," says Ested.

Amazingly, a legal scholar says Ested almost certainly will get some money, although $500 million is probably a stretch. "The family clearly deserves something," the expert says.

Reefers find bucket full of teeth!

SLACK-JAWED roofers couldn't believe their eyes when they climbed to the top of a building to repair a leak — and found a five-gallon bucket of human teeth!

"You find things from time to time," declared Frank Garcia. "But I've never seen anything like this!"

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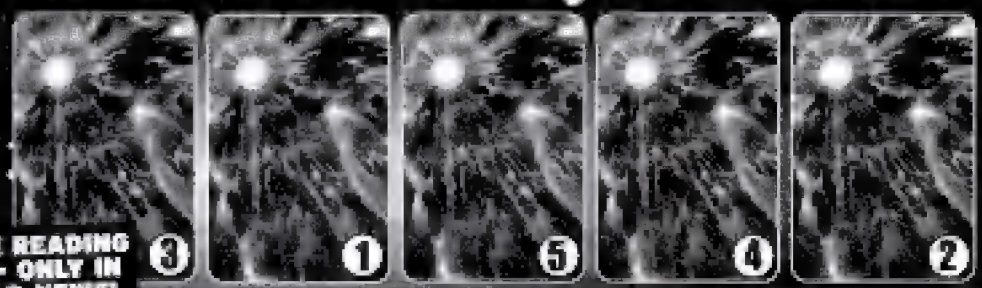

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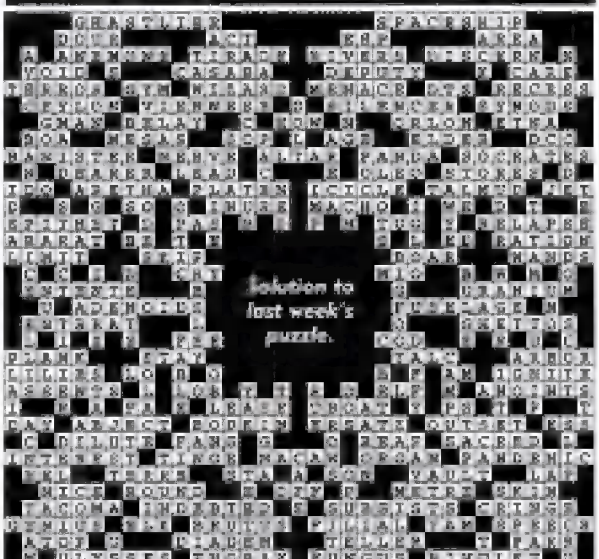

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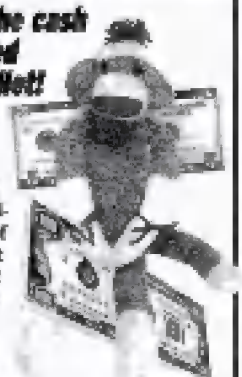

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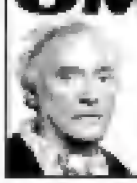

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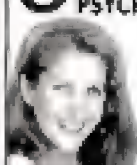

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Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Continue delaying a thankless chore that you're dreading.

You've had a real struggle keeping things together in recent weeks but it's not your fault. You're about to climb the final mountain.

A long legal restriction will be lifted. Seek out a close friend of the opposite sex you enjoy being with and allow yourself to be embarrassingly candid.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Don't feel bad about unloading your worries. After all, after a few, you're the life of any party!

Load up the weekend with adventure. Your sensitivity to others' needs may leave you vulnerable to those envious of your ability to manipulate any situation.

Beware of friendly overtures from those who can't give you what you need.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Pesky little problems and loose ends will have your blood pressure in a spin. Don't worry, it will all work out — or completely collapse.

Face the weekend with a smile on your lips and a glow in your belly.

Confidence holds you in good stead as you approach those in charge with a new idea. Remember, they called Einstein crazy!

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

The power of your positive thinking will be contagious and help you get unsuspected approval.

There's been some petty bickering among friends that may become a raging feud. Play both ends against the middle.

A trip to the mall proves to be lucky as you get an unexpected treat. Just be sure to wear clean blue socks!

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

Being helpful could backfire this week. Someone you try to aid may mistake your interest as a way to boost your stature at their expense.

To sidestep a clash, avoid the number "63."

Help by giving spontaneous suggestions based on whatever occurs to you at the moment. Clean your plate before someone else does.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

A special someone finds you especially attractive at this time. Make sure this person is as old as he claims to be.

Controversy and disputes could be everywhere this week so wade in and start swinging!

There's a real possibility of scoring a KO if you join the battle — and that's something you desperately need now.

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LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A split-second decision could bring new adventure into your life. But a phone call may offer a reason to pull the plug.

If life seems to have lost some of its pizzazz, you've no one to blame but yourself. This is the week to add flash to your wardrobe, subscribe to a magazine or rekindle a fantasy romance with a pop star!

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Your smile — or your dentures — always seem to light up a room, so let 'er rip.

A wild story could spell trouble if you allow yourself to tell it. Your lucky numbers (19, 3, 44) could be especially important now.

You may encounter a blow to your self-esteem, but don't despair — it happens to most people at least once.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

A random contact in the next few days may result in a major change in your life. Stay open to new experiences, however questionable.

You are the idol of a child and most of the love you shower on this youngster will not be wasted.

Your stars promise hot prospects this week as long as you don't park a large car in a small garage.

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CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Go slowly, think carefully and seize the chance to make money at any expense.

This is a good time to help loved ones with their problems — even if they don't want it.

Make the effort to contact family and friends and find out why they haven't contacted you. Before any meeting, scour the room for hidden agendas.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

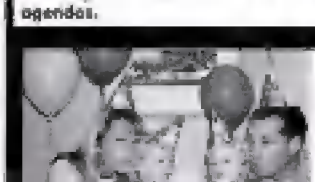
Your luck is likely to improve dramatically this week and you'd be wise to take advantage of it by risking it all.

Your ability to make quick decisions could prove to be an important asset when a friend shows up unexpectedly and needs tea and sympathy. Just don't throw pearls before swine. They may choke on them and leave you with the bill.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

An unusual opportunity may come your way this week and you should be ready to act fast. Get advice from strangers if necessary, but hurry or you might miss the boat.

Stubbornness could get in the way of a good time — however morally questionable. Watch for men in black and uniforms. Those subpoenas aren't worth the paper they're written on.



If your birthday is this week . . .

The year ahead promises to be one of your most productive or most surprising. If you

Cash from unexpected sources can pad your bank account considerably if you resist

SNAKE-HANDLING CHURCHGOERS ARE WIPED OUT BY RATTLERS!

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Weekly World News

REVIVAL MEETING turned into nightmare catastrophe at Pentecostal church.

IN WHAT'S being called "the worst church tragedy in Mexican history," 119 worshipers at a snake-handling revival meeting were wiped out in one awful night when 17 rattlers being used in the ceremony went berserk!

"It was like a scene from Hell," says 34-year-old Louisa Pineda, the sole survivor of the nightmarish massacre.

"Everywhere you turned, rattlesnakes were rearing up and sinking their fangs into people's ankles and thighs.

"Parishioners were screaming in terror and the sound of all those rattles shaking at once was deafening."

The heartbreaking catastrophe took place on the evening of May 27 at the newly built Christ Our Savior Pentecostal Church, located outside Ciudad Juarez.

The minister, known only as "Reverend Joe," was an evangelical preacher from Arkansas who had arrived in town a few months earlier. He brought with him the age-old practice of snake-handling, a tradition in parts of rural America.

"The preacher bolted all the doors and windows to discourage the faint of heart from fleeing during the ceremony," says Police Inspector Marco Vega. "We believe this contributed to the high death toll."

The controversial practice of snake-handling is based on a peculiar verse found in the New Testament. The Bible states, "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16: 18). Believers contend that if their faith is strong enough, God will render poisonous snakes harmless. But this time, something went horribly awry.

At the start of the packed revival meeting, the rattlers were kept in a large basket with the lid weighed down. About an hour into the ceremony, the minister announced "the Holy Spirit is telling me" to release the snakes.

"As soon as Reverend Joe opened the basket, the first snake came right out and bit him on the hand," say Mrs. Pineda. "The Reverend looked surprised, winced in pain and keeled over. Then the other snakes came slithering out of the basket and all Hell broke loose."

Mrs. Pineda says that after her husband, brother and uncle were fatally bitten by the rattlers, she fainted away.

When she woke up, the reptiles had escaped through an air duct — leaving the pews stacked with dead bodies.

"The fact that Mrs. Pineda was lying so still is undoubtedly what saved her," notes a snake expert. "Panicked movement of the other victims frightened the snakes and provoked them to strike so many times."

Surprisingly, Mrs. Pineda says the tragedy has only strengthened her faith.

"The power of God Almighty protected me from those rattlers," she says.

Good news

By KAY CALLAHAN
Weekly World News

FABULOUS flab and lots of it is the word this summer — and the bigger your belly, the better. So go ahead: Cancel the health-club membership, burn your jogging shoes and start cramming those carbs. Because these days, six-pack abs and ironing-board flat stomachs are out — and the swollen shape of the keg look is in.

Don't worry about your cottage-cheese hips, or those flabby upper arms that jiggle like Jell-O. Chances are, no one will notice those little imperfections in the beer bellies, thunder thighs and double-wide butts crowding onto the sand.

"Belly's up, baby!" cheered one beachgoer, whose belly flopped over his swim trunks as he cruised the hot sands of Malibu.

"Six packs are for drinkin' — I'm lettin' it all hang out!"

So was his wife, whose ample butt strained against her two-piece swimsuit.

Americans spend $33 billion a year trying to whittle their waistlines with diet pills and programs, gym memberships, exercise equipment and even risky surgery like liposuction and stomach-stapling. But it's a losing battle. Health experts say about a quarter of the country is seriously fat, and the most popular workout may involve sprinting to the refrigerator during TV commercials.

DIETING IS DEAD says fitness guru Schlossman.

But the heavyweights don't seem shy about showing their stuff — every flabby foot of it — at the beach.

Even Hollywood is start-

for couch potatoes:

FORGET THOSE 6-PACK ABS ...THE KEG LOOK IS IN!

ing to pork up, says an L.A. celebrity watcher.

"It's been building for awhile," he said. "First there was Jennifer Lopez's unbelievably big butt, and then all these stick-figure actresses started getting soft and round with pregnancy.

"But when Fox TV gave the ax to anorexic Ally McBeal — that's when we knew the death-warmed-over look was finally over!"

Dieting is dead, said Beverly Hills nutritionist Ivan Schlemmer, whose clients include some of the biggest stars in Hollywood.

"Americans are tired of killing themselves trying to lose weight and then gaining it all back," Schlemmer declared.

"Study after study shows that this yo-yo dieting is actually riskier to your health than merely being overweight. And scientists are finding that genetics plays a major role in obesity — so we might as well just relax and enjoy our bodies as they've been given to us."

That's just what one big-bellied sun worshiper wanted across a beach blanket. "Why fight it?" he said, reaching for the Italian sausage and soda in his cooler. "It's genetics — what can you do?"

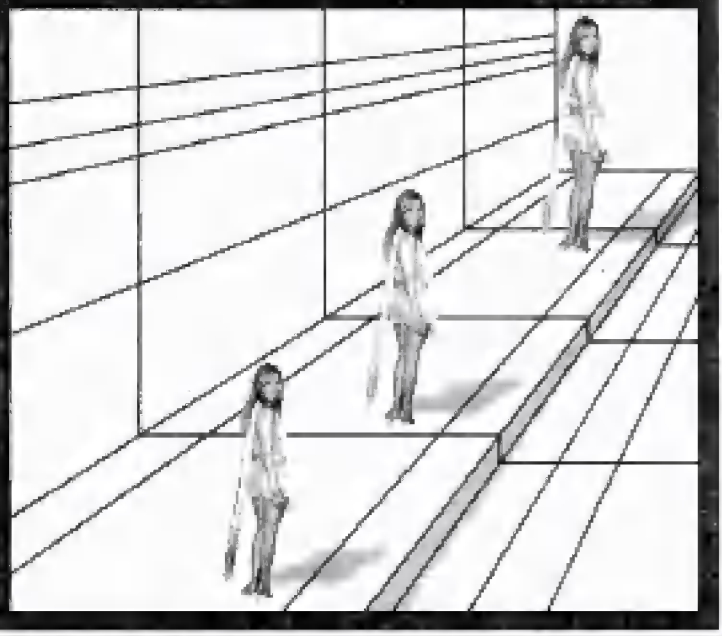
TUBBIES like Anna Nicole Smith (left) are now style-setters, while Ally McBeal toothpick Calista Flockhart has just had her TV show canceled.

BOOST YOUR BRAINPOWER

... with these mental exercises, puzzles, optical illusions and games!

They make your gray matter grow!

No one can deny that Jennifer Lopez is big right now. But can you tell which J.Lo is the biggest in the illusion below? Be careful — it may not be the obvious choice. That's why it's called an illusion!



WORD PUZZLES

Can you figure these out? The puzzles solve to form a phrase or sentence. For example — in the puzzle to the right, the answer is "mind over matter." Give it a try and make your brain bigger! Check next week's issue for the solutions.

Example:

MIND
MATTER

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② FRIENDS STANDING FRIENDS
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③ NEREPERT

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⑤ ARIZONA

⑥ Look familiar?: OTTFFSSENT

⑦ OturnedUT

⑧ momanon

⑨ HOROBOD

⑩ QUESTION: Why is half of 5 equal to 4?

Solutions to last week's word puzzles:

1) short notice
2) blind faith OR lack of faith
3) rock around the clock
4) one thing after another
5) broken heart
6) a step above the rest
7) two peas in a pod
8) ice cube
9) the whole nine yards
10) clean underwear

Your tarot fortune from Page 39 — REVEALED!

You can play Serena's Magic Tarot Cards, too! Just turn to Page 39 and pick + [illegible]

Card No. 3: Knight of Cups
KIND MAN/DOCTOR

Love: For a woman, a very kindhearted man is, or soon will be, an important part of your life. For a man, the way to win her heart is to let her see how soft your heart is.

Money: Expect to get an offer that could result in more money in your pocket. If you've been waiting to hear about a job, you'll learn that you got it!

Health: Very positive information is on its way to you, either with good test results or an easy cure to whatever is bothering you.

Card No. 1: 2 of Pentacles
REWARDS

Love: Though your relationship may have been too one-sided, with you doing most of the giving, it's about to turn around. You'll now be the recipient of all the good stuff love has to offer.

Money: The value of your work is not always measured in money, but as long as you care about other people, your financial needs will come easily to you.

Health: The stress of trying to keep too many balls in the air at once is starting to get to you. Try letting go of the least im-

Card No. 5: Lovers
TOUGH CHOICE

Love: You are faced with a difficult choice regarding a lover. Remember, a bird and a fish can fall in love, but where will they live? This time, follow your head rather than your heart.

Money: Should you take the job with the big paycheck or the one with less money that promises happiness? For now, bet on the sure thing.

Health: You think you have to choose between familiar discomfort and a treatment with bad side effects. Wrong — keep looking

Card No. 4: 6 of Pentacles
JUGGLING

Love: There are two love interests in your life and, up to now, you've been able to cope. Be aware that you will soon be forced to choose your favorite or risk losing both.

Money: A debt or loan will be repaid, probably with some interest. You'll finally get paid for a job done in the past, or a favor that you forgot about will be repaid in kind.

Health: You've been doing what the doctor ordered, or have stuck with the fitness routine no matter how hard

Card No. 2: King of Cups
A WELCOME OFFER

Love: You will receive a love letter or phone call inviting you out for a romantic evening. No matter how busy you are, take time out for love and laughter this week.

Money: To make ends meet for the near future, you may need to take a second job. The best advice for now is don't put all your eggs in one basket. Diversify.

Health: You should consider a career in medicine. If you have a health concern, a friend will direct you to a doctor or tell you of an

Mom finds out she's pregnant — 3 days before she gives birth!

FIRST-TIME mom Tonya Matheny barely had time to shop for a crib after finding out she was pregnant — only three days later, she gave birth to a bright-eyed baby girl!

"I found out I was pregnant on Friday, and had my daughter on Monday. It's mind-boggling," exclaimed 29-year-old Tonya, of Davenport, Iowa.

Tonya found out she had been pregnant for almost seven months when she went to a doctor for what she thought was a kidney infection.

Tonya and hubby L.T. — who've been married almost five years — named their 2-pound, 3-ounce, baby Ashleigh Marie.

Sicko busted for scalping women!

A PERVERT with a hair fetish was tossed in jail for eight years after scalping one woman and sexually assaulting another.

And it wasn't the first time behind bars for sicko Leonard Bowie, 62, who did jail time in 1983 for scalping another woman!

Cops in Edinburgh, Scotland, say Bowie took a razor to a 51-year-old woman, cutting her hair so closely that she had flaps of skin hanging down her face!

Not satisfied with one bloody attack, he then lured a woman to his apartment and sexually attacked her.

He pleaded guilty to both of his latest crimes.

Snort your way to great sex, say scientists

A DRUG that works like Viagra for women could be available within three years, scientists say.

Early trials of PT141 nasal spray have been encouraging and scientists say it could help women who have dull sex lives. Researchers say it helped perk up female rats whose romances were previously humdrum.

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YOU HARDLY NEED TO LIFT A FINGER

My name is Diane Tessman, and you may have seen me on TV or heard me on radio telling what—to some—might seem like an incredible story.

I have been written up in many magazines and newspapers and my books have been sold worldwide. I mention this so that you do not think I am some sort of "fictional" individual. My credentials have been documented by the academic community. (Dr. Sprinkle, formerly with the University of Wyoming, has worked with me, and Jean Dixon's personal biographer, Ruth Montgomery, speaks of me in "glowing terms" in one of her books). I have even been pastor of my own small community church established while residing in California.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

I have been helping others for 25 years but, until I made a discovery in my own backyard, I had become poor economically. I had recently lost my job and found it impossible to get work.

But now—THANK GOD—due to an amazing discovery, my luck has turned from terrible to wonderful and my cup runneth over because of a strange, sacred symbolic object—a Crystal Cross—I discovered right under my very nose in my own backyard.

CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE

The experience goes back to a summer night when I was a child in Iowa. Without warning, my familiar surroundings were gone and I was in a completely different environment.

All about me were these incredibly beautiful beings; some of them human-like, others radically different than any life form I was familiar with.

But there was one particular being to whom I was attracted much more than the others. I was not frightened of him; he was totally angel-like...so radiant!

Over the years, my "Special One" has appeared to me in dreams to share with me a series of frightening prophetic visions about Earth's future. Mother Nature had turned against humankind. There were floods everywhere and tidal wave, while thunder and lightning the likes of which had never been witnessed flashed everywhere. Wars broke out in many lands. These "dreams" were so vivid, I would awaken gripped with terror.

Upon rising one morning, a voice inside my head directed me to walk outside to my garden. There, glittering in the early rays of sunlight, was a beautiful cross made of crystal and, although it was much smaller, it was similar in design to the one I

great significance in the crystal cross I had found. He reminded me that crystals have always been respected for their healing and spiritual powers, and that great prophets such as Moses used gems in a special breastplate when they wished to speak directly to God.

MY NEED TO HELP OTHERS

One thing my angelic friend indicated is that it is within the realm of possibility for everyone to receive whatever they desire. He said that in addition to positive thinking it would be a great help if people carried with them a simple crystal cross like the one I had found. They also indicated that those carrying this replica have a better chance of surviving the coming End Times. In effect, the cross acts like a "two for one" magnet to attract goodness and positive vibrations.

In another vision, I was admonished not to sell the cross if at all possible. But how was I to finance such an expensive operation? The crosses do cost a good sum to obtain. I have thus decided to once again offer free crosses to those who would like to read my latest work.

YOUR PASSPORT TO HEAVEN

Many people whom I have counseled have been deeply grieved by the passing of a loved one. In many cases, they want to be assured there is life after death, that our soul does continue on after the physical body has gone.

In my latest book, Your Passport To Heaven, I share my personal experiences and what I have learned from my guides when it comes to "going to a higher place" when we die. Some of the questions I try to answer in the book include:

• Exactly where is heaven? • How can a person be assured of going there when they die? • Is there more than one place of existence in the afterlife? • Will my loved ones and pets be there to greet and comfort me? • Can we communicate with the "next world" now? • How close is heaven to Earth and is it possible to visit there before we die? • Can we pick up the phone and speak with those from "the other side?"

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Ancient Chinese artists would never paint pictures

By JUSTIN MITCHELL
Weekly World News

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

PEANUTS are not nuts — they are legumes. Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger bought the first Hummer manufactured for civilian use. Gatorade was named for the University of Florida Gators where it was first developed.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that editors and reporters at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 672.
- If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5000 times, but more like 4950. The heads picture weighs more, so it usually ends up on the bottom.
- Richard Nixon left instructions for "California, Here I Come" to be the last piece of music played at his funeral ("softly and slowly") if he were to die in office.
- In Mel Brooks' *Silent Movie*, mime Marcel Marceau is the only person who has a speaking role.
- Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.
- Gerald Ford pardoned Robert E. Lee posthumously of all crimes of treason.
- Every photograph of an American atomic bomb detonation was taken by Harold Edgerton.
- When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home to a sellout crowd, Lincoln's Memorial Stadium holds a population that becomes the third largest "city" in Nebraska — behind Omaha and Lincoln.
- Famous last words: "I knew it. I knew it. Born in a hotel room — and goddamn it — died in a hotel room." — Writer Eugene O'Neil who died Nov. 27, 1953.
- President Lyndon Johnson frequently started his day by reading several newspapers, eating breakfast and meeting with staff, all without leaving his White House bed.
- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were all avid collectors and players of marbles. In their day, marbles were called "small bowls" and were as popular with adults as with children.
- The only "real people" to be honored as heads on Pez candy dispensers are Betsy Ross and Daniel Boone. The word PEZ comes from the first, middle, and last letters of the German word for peppermint, PfeffErminZ.
- The tip-top of the Washington Monument is not stone, but a 100-ounce solid aluminum pyramid, constructed as part of the monument's lightning protection system. In the 1880s, aluminum was a rare metal, selling for $1.10 per ounce and used primarily for jewelry. The pyramid at the top of the monument was the largest piece of aluminum of its day and was such a novelty that it was displayed at Tiffany's jewelry store before it was placed at the top.
- University of Oregon student Carolyn Davidson designed the Nike "swoosh" logo in 1964 — four years after business undergrad

Before embarking on a full-time life of crime, American gangster John Dillinger was a talented shortstop on Mooresville, Ind., semi-pro baseball team.

# of women's feet — and more fascinating . . .

The Caribbean islands stretch in an arc almost 2,500 miles from Cuba to Trinidad. There are more than 7,000 islands, cays, atolls and reefs.

Phil Knight and track coach Bill Bowerman founded the company they originally called Blue Ribbon Sports. Davidson was paid $35 for her design.

● Leonardo DaVinci first conceived of the idea of contact lenses in 1508. In 1632 Rene Descartes of France suggested the idea for a lens designed to be placed within the eye. In 1827, English astronomer Sir John Herschel, who also discovered the planet Uranus, originally named after him, suggested grinding a glass contact lens to conform exactly to the eye's surface. In 1877, glassblower F.E. Muller of Wiesbaden, Germany, turned this idea into reality and produced the first glass eye covering designed to be seen through and tolerated. This was history's first hard contact lens. But it was somewhat uncomfortable and could cause eye redness and excessive tears.

● So that explains Vietnam! The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.

● Olympic gymnast Cathy Rigby is the only woman to pose nude for *Sports Illustrated* in a hazy back view photo for an article about her in the Aug. 21, 1972 issue. Rigby, along with such notables as Susan Dey, Mary Lou Retton, Cheryl Tiegs and Brenda Vaccaro is also honored as one of the "Famous people in menstrual hygiene advertising" on the on-line-only "Museum of Menstruation and Women's Health."

Star Trek's Mr. Spock's blood type is T-Negative.

The founder and curator of the virtual museum, Harry Finley, hopes to find a physical site in the U.S. for his museum but has said, "In case I die before the museum is located in a permanent public exhibit in the U.S.A., everything (roughly 4000 items, some unique) goes to the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney, Australia."

● Mice, whales, elephants, giraffes and man all have seven neck vertebrae.

● The correct response to the Irish greeting, "Top of the morning to you," is "and the rest of the day to yourself."

● The first video ever played on MTV Europe was "Money For Nothing" by Dire Straits. MTV debuted in the U.S. with "Video Killed the Radio Star" by the Buggles.

● Only one person in two billion years will live to be 116 or older.

● A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

● There is a word in the English language with only one vowel, which occurs six times: Indivisibility.

● The dome on Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, Jefferson's day, billiards was illegal in Virginia.

● In 1969, the last Corvair manufactured was painted gold.

● The term "devil's advocate" comes from the Roman Catholic Church. When deciding if someone should be sainted, a devil's advocate is always appointed to give an alternative view.

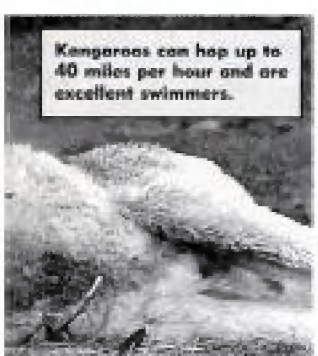
● John Larroquette of *Night Court* and *The John Larroquette Show* was the narrator of *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*.

● The slogan on New Hampshire license plates is "Live Free or Die." Prisoners in the state prison in Concord manufacture these license plates.

● The only member of the trio ZZ Top minus a beard is drummer Frank Beard.

● The late U.S. Sen. and 1964 GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater attended the opening night ceremonies and festivities at Bugsy Siegel's famous Las Vegas casino, the Flamingo. His character wasn't included in the movie *Bugsy* and Goldwater was reportedly irritated at the omission.

● The most sensitive finger is the forefin-



Kangaroos can hop up to 40 miles per hour and are excellent swimmers.

The word "robot" was coined in 1920 in a play, *R.U.R.* (the initials stood for "Rossum's Universal Robots"), written by Czech dramatist Karel Capek. His brother Josef coined the word. When Karel was writing his play, he couldn't decide on a name for these artificial creatures. Originally, he proposed the word "labors." Josef suggested "robots," from the word "robota," which means "work" in Czech and other Slavic languages, including Russian.

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